

National Plan Project 2040

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Biography

David Egan was born and educated in Dublin 1955. David lived abroad for 18 years in Germany, Netherlands and England before returning in 2003. David has followed the 2020 vision of Malaysia since 1997 and is currently commuting between Kuala Lumpur and Dublin.

National Plan 2040

This is a crucial project for the future of Ireland. It is an important opportunity to engage (genuine engagement) with people and resource at grassroots level.

I believe there are a number of key opportunities that need to be discussed at least as follows:

*Running alongside or in conjunction with the 2040 National Plan is a "Vision for Ireland 2073" (100 years membership EU) or at least 2060

*An open project for the people and citizens of Ireland at home and abroad to feel connected.

*Where do we see Ireland in 2060? And how do we get people involved?

*What are the solutions to get us there?

*One of the most basic criteria is to examine find out how Ireland can engage "everyone" as the "Gathering 2013 did" but not confine it to tourism.

*The opportunity to create genuine engagement with all is there. Applying the National Plan 2040 alongside a popular movement of engagement will produce unimaginable results.

*The Irish community has the advantage of being small and flexible when compared to larger EU countries like France, Germany or Italy

*At the same time, we must benchmark against countries with the same population e.g. Denmark, Finland, Portugal, Scotland, Singapore, and Uruguay

*As a small developed country, we also have the responsibility and capacity to lead in the 21st century

*The Diaspora represents the most important "yet to be organized" resource for the future of Ireland