

Bicycle Heroes Dublin

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Elevating #Youth Voices for Change

Bicycle Heroes engages children in Dublin, Lisbon and Rome solving urban mobility challenges related to active mobility as a way of addressing their needs and raising their awareness about the need for, and benefits of, active mobility.















Dublin Bicycle Heroes Project

Bicycle Heroes involves children in the ideation, design and implementation of active mobility solutions to increase uptake of active mobility and make cities safer, healthier and more sustainable for all.



Dublin Team

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Why Children?



Children have a unique perspective on how to solve challenges yet often go unheard.



Their needs, when met, make cities safe for other vulnerable groups (elderly, disabled) in addition to the general population.



They are effective spokespeople for change as a result of their influence over their families and society in general.



Identify and create solutions to barriers to cycling







Dublin Participant Schools



Scoil Eoin Kilbarrack





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Loreto College Crumlin Road







Workshop at engineers week Trinity College Dublin







Team work

Challenge to create the best route from home to Trinity College

Research





Ideation







Model/Prototype









Loreto College Crumlin Road







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DUBLIN BICYCLE HEROES

Presenting solutions in Dublin city hall





DUBLIN BICYCLE HEROES At Child in the City Conference



DUBLIN BICYCLE HEROES Key takeaways



This project has resulted in influencing more people employed in the school transport section, including senior engineers

One of the children's ideas related to the beautification of streets and cycle lanes landscaper to improve the City streetscapes.



The city councillors have an increased belief in the importance of citizen engagement, especially with children.



Legislation designed to help the city become safer for pedestrians and cyclists is passed and approved. Through their direct influence on their parents, teachers and communities, as well as their broader influence on the city population perspective, it is hoped that the voices of Bicycle Heroes can be heard louder than the traditional, expected backlash that is elicited from announcements about plans and policies on safer streets. In particular, a push to make the speed limit within the city 30km has struggled to gain approval, and the city hope the Bicycle Heroes can help.



Where can the bicycle take us?

Thank you to future Bicycle Heroes and thank you for your attention and to our partners and supporters!

