



Sample Testimonials

MaREI, the SFI Research Centre for Energy, Climate & Marine, UCC

We have been working with Dr Maria Power over the last few years on our engaged research and community engagement projects where she has provided highly professional support on community engagement, impact planning and evaluation, and expert facilitation in participatory workshops with diverse audiences. It has been a pleasure to work with Maria in a collaborative way as we strive to advance our engagement efforts as she is always responsive, flexible, thorough and reflective which has enhanced our work, our relationships, our outputs and our outcomes.

Aoife Deane, Public Engagement Manager at MaREI, the SFI Research Centre for Energy, Climate & Marine, coordinated by UCC

Dept of Geography, School of Natural Sciences, Trinity College Dublin, the University of Dublin

We were delighted with the evaluation report that Maria produced for our iAdapt project. The report was a thorough and thoughtful analysis of the complex and diverse impacts we created and also pointed out ways for us to improve our data collection to demonstrate impact in future projects.

Anna R. Davies, Professor of Geography, Environment & Society. Director Environmental Governance Research Group

Traveller Visibility Group (TVG) Cork

Community Consultants is a fantastic organisation. The Traveller Visibility Group (TVG) has worked with Maria Power and the team in a wide variety of projects for over 15 years and our expectations with the end result have always been exceeded. We regularly invite Maria to facilitate group meetings, inter-agency events and to facilitate and produce our strategic plan. We are always treated with respect, honesty and an open working partnership. Community Consultations communicate clearly, the project schedule is always delivered on time and to a high standard and our goals are consistently met. We would highly recommend working with Maria and Community Consultants.

Maria has an excellent understanding of social issues and in particular Traveller issues which is very important for us because we find it very difficult to find a consultant of Maria's caliber who has that analysis. Maria has a very structured approach to looking at issues and finding

pathways ways forward that progress the work. On a personal level Maria works in a very inclusive way and has excellent communication skills.

National Screening Service – Senior Health Promotion Officer

I have worked with Maria on a few community based participatory research projects. She has been engaging, knowledgeable and well informed on the subject matter we have been researching and engaging the public about. She has a co-operative style when working with the public that ensures she gets the best out of interactions and builds trust with research participants. She works from a community development, inclusive, health promotion approach which was central to our work and central to engaging a consultant. Maria is very thorough, analytical and agile in her project management and brings strategic thinking and collaboration to the work in an engaging style. I look forward to working with her again in the future.

Healthy Cities Co-ordinator - Cork City

Working with Maria Power to complete the 2030 Cork Healthy Cities Action Plan was a pleasure. Guided by her experience and expertise, we navigated the themes seamlessly and we are delighted with the level of stakeholder engagement that was generated in the development of a comprehensive plan underpinned by an evidence-based framework that we are very proud of.

HSE Mental Health Services – Lead for Connecting for Life

I've worked with Maria Power (Community Consultants) on a number of projects in the area of suicide prevention and mental health, including a recent evaluation of a national youth mental health service 'Jigsaw' and I've found her to be thoroughly professional and personable – which are essential qualities when engaging with a range of stakeholders. Maria brings a lot of in-depth experience to her work and has a great understanding of health, community and social issues. Above all, I can recommend Maria's work because she always delivers the required end product.

It is excellent value for money. The results in this case speak for themselves and implementation of both community based, achievable and robust suicide prevention plans is well underway. I am very much looking forward to working with Maria again in the future.

HSE Cork – Kerry & Waterford

Community Consultants has successfully carried out a qualitative evaluation of all five of our Primary Health Care projects ... and since then have continued to work with us on a number of community initiatives. They have shown a strong and sincere commitment to the community sector that we work with and we would not hesitate to contract them again in the future.

Cumann na Daoine (Community Development Project, Youghal, Co. Cork)

Cumann na Daoine have benefited greatly from the services of Community Consultants. The support and training that we have received has helped our project develop and grow from strength to strength. We look forward to continue working with Community Consultants in the future.