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Act now to save ourselves later

Caibidil: Volume 1 - Written Statement» 5. Climate Change and Environment

Ábhair: Climate action

Climate action should be given a priority here. While climate adaption and climate resilient is important, we need to double down our efforts on climate action. We can save ourselves a lot of pain if we act now. Often climate adaption methods, e.g flood defences, require a large amount of resources, and are carbon intensive. We risk failing into a feedback loop of investing in climate adaption infrastructure, which further contributes to climate change, instead of simply acting now to limit the effects of climate change.

5.21 talks about a just transition. I think as a city we need to go further than endorsing a just transition, but to also bring the idea of Climate Justice to the fore. While engaging those in our own communities who may be disproportionately effected by climate change, it is also important to acknowledge that we are part of a global community. Communities around the world who contribute much less to the climate crisis, but will be disproportionately effected by it, such as coastal communities and island communities, deserve our compassion and support. Cork City should double down on our climate action to support these communities.

Our climate action must not ignore growth as an issue. Our use of space, and our expansion of the city contributes to carbon emissions and waste. 5.26 outlines Waste Management and Adaptable Buildings. I believe more emphasis must be put on our use of space, fully utilising existing space, combating dereliction and land hoarding. Where possible, existing buildings should be renovated. The most sustainable building is the one that already exists.

Eochairfhocail: Unsustainable
Climate Justice, Climate Action, Growth, dereliction

Príomh-thuairim:

We must accelerate our shift to becoming a sustainable city. This means putting much more emphasis on active transports, climate action and climate justice, and ensuring sustainable communities can flourish by investing in them.

Príomh-iarratais:

Traffic calming measures. Accelerate timelines for sustainable transport projects.

Main reasons:

If we don't act now, these issues will only get worse, and our communities are going to suffer. If our communities are not invested in, the climate crisis will bring about instability.

Documents Attached: Níl