



Street Feast Sligo 2018

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Culleens Community Feast, Sligo 2018



Thank you for your invaluable support of Street Feast 2018.

Thanks to Sligo Public Participation Network (PPN), **13** Street Feasts were held in your local area bringing an estimated **1,040** neighbours together, contributing to approximately **125,000** participants nationwide.

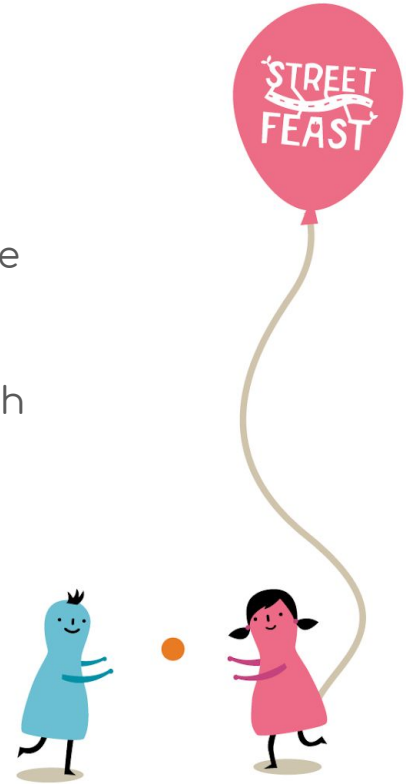


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Street Feast

is Ireland's nationwide day of street parties, community celebrations and neighbourhood lunches, which took place across the country on Sunday 10th June 2018.

Established in 2010, it has grown steadily over the years with 1,343 Street Feast events held nationwide in 2018 and over 125,000 people taking part.





Street Feast on The Green, Sligo 2018

Why?

Irish communities are not what they once were. The Future of Ireland Report conducted in 2015 by Amárach Research finds that isolation exists in Irish communities with nearly one in ten saying they have no close friends. One in ten either don't have relatives or don't feel close to the relatives they do have, 30% don't have a sense of belonging within their community and only one in four feel completely safe in their neighbourhoods.



Street Feast addresses these issues by connecting neighbours, strengthening relationships, giving people a sense of identity and facilitating a space for the sharing of knowledge and culture to take place.



Collooney Street Feast, Sligo 2018



"I hosted a Street Feast so that I could get to know my neighbours better and make new friends."

- Gemma Hill-Wilkinson (Host, Street Feast Sligo 2018)



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Taking the First Step towards Community

We've discovered that hosting a Street Feast is typically the first participative activity that residents do in their neighbourhood. It's the first step towards getting to know each other. It's the first step towards building community.

"We are a newly formed rural community group trying to involve new members and complete some local projects.

We felt Street Feast would be an ideal, all-inclusive, family event to bring everyone together. It was such a positive gathering! I didn't realise how many children lived locally until Street Feast. Now we are planning more community events."

- Jennifer Scott (Host, Street Feast Sligo 2018)





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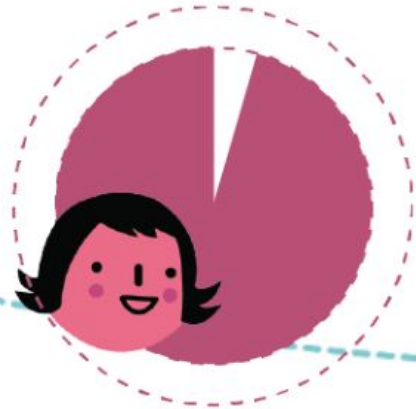
"I organised our Street Feast with our new community group that has recently been set-up. There was a death in the community on the week it was supposed to go ahead, but we had put so much effort into organising it we decided to hold it the following week.

It was a really lovely event and everyone appreciated and enjoyed the community being brought together. It was our first one and it went so well - almost 200 people turned up! Loads brought food, and all the local musicians and dancers came and entertained us. We had a bouncy castle for the children and they made new friends.

We definitely want to organise more events as a community and hold another Street Feast next year."

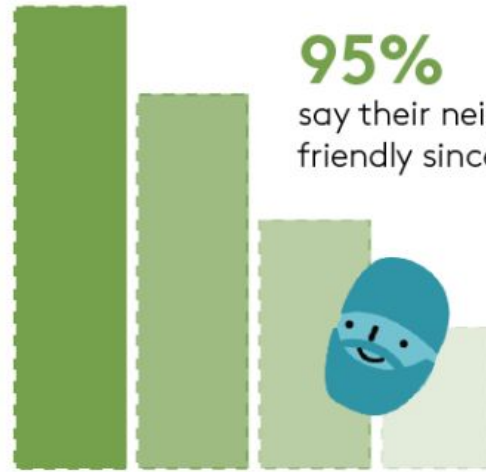
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Street Feast 2018 participant survey results indicate:



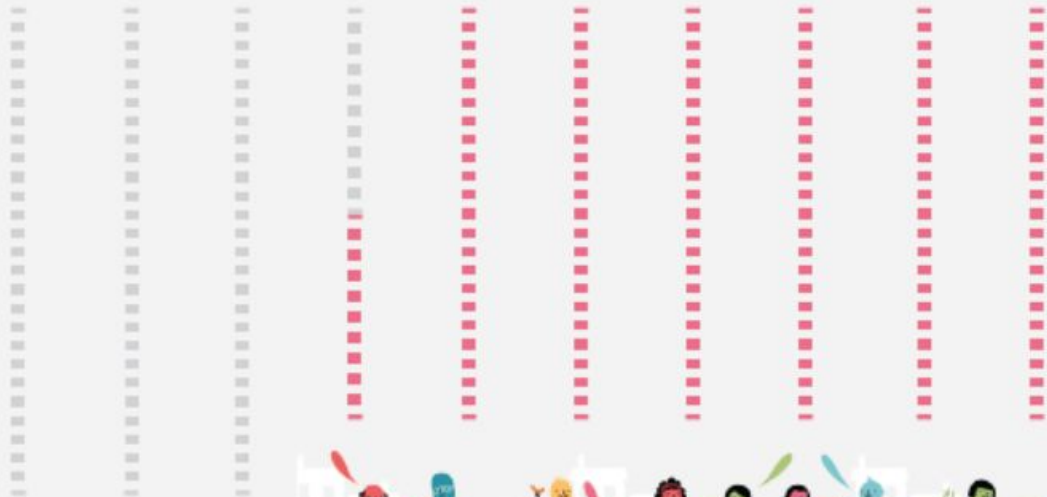
92.5%

say their sense of belonging in
their neighbourhood has
increased since Street Feast 2018



95%

say their neighbourhood is more
friendly since Street Feast 2018



64% have become more involved in their community since Street Feast 2018

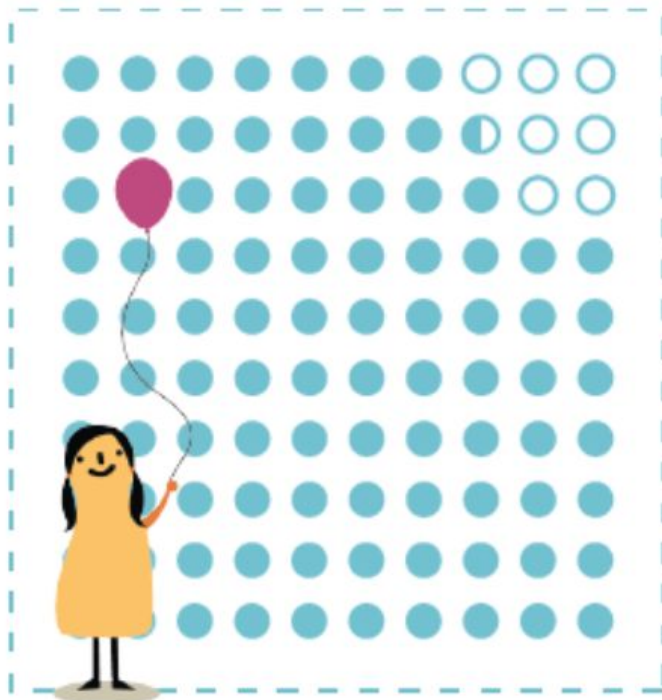


79% 

feel safer in their neighbourhood
since Street Feast 2018

On average, **9.5/10**
hosts want to host a Street Feast for their community again





92.5%

have plans for future
community events



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Thanks to your support we provided Street Feast Hosts with free Street Feast Packs including decorations, invites, posters & flyers.

We provided on-going support to those preparing for their feast, including an online platform for the Street Feast community to organise their celebration, regular newsletters and blog full of inspiration and advice, and responded to all enquiries.

We also looked after promotion and managed volunteers and photographers.



“What can I say? Only thank you for giving me the opportunity to bring our little community together. I really enjoyed hosting Street Feast. I looked around and saw people connect and engage and come together to share food, stories and lots of laughter - I know that lots of new friendships were formed and it is something that we, as a little community, will build on in the future.”

- Gemma Hill-Wilkinson (Host, Street Feast Sligo 2018)



“We had a wonderful Street Feast in Castle Dargan.

It was fantastic to see all the neighbours pulling together to make the day so special. Even the kids painted a Street Feast sign and helped to deliver the invites, was lovely to chat to neighbours as we went from door to door with invites, and for those people not able to attend the event to feel engaged with what was going on.”

- Gemma Hill-Wilkinson (Host, Street Feast Sligo 2018)





Killaraght Feast, Sligo 2018



“Wow, well what can we say but thank you! Thank you to all who came to our Community Street Feast Party and thank you to Street Feast.

We had a great evening of fun , music and dancing ... and we officially launched the Defibrillator project.

What a great community we have in Culleens and beyond!”

- Jennifer Scott (Host, Street Feast Sligo 2018)

Street Feast does a few good things. It...

- Brings the tools for **community building**; inspiring neighbourhoods celebrations and providing the support to make it happen;
- Promotes **social inclusion**, multiculturalism and diversity in an age-friendly environment;
- Encourages **participatory** culture, collaborations and mutual aid;
- **Empowers** residents to do things for themselves, fostering more decision makers;



Street Feast also...

- Promotes environmental awareness and educates communities on **sustainable practices**;
- Is the **conversation starter** from which more community-led projects and ideas are formed;
- Provides an **online platform** for residents to organise their feast; and
- Provides a **FREE DIY Pack**, including decorations invites, flyers and a DIY guide providing the basics to kick-start a Street Feast event, removing the obstacles of organising a get-together.



"It was truly a great evening. So many different people came. Well done to all involved."

- Tina Duffy (Attendee, Culleens Community Street Feast Sligo 2018)



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"I've noticed a hugely positive difference since we held our Street Feast. Neighbours who used to be a bit cold or standoffish now stop and say hello.

The green area of the estate is used a lot more for sitting and mingling between neighbours. Even the hotel next door noticed our feast and has since started running family days on Sundays with bouncy castles and a carvery lunch!

We've started to organise more group activities as a community, such as a Ladies night and a walking club. Street Feast 2019 is already being planned!"



- Gemma Hill-Wilkinson (Host, Street Feast Sligo 2018)



“All of our public events gain from the widest community participation. We must all by now realise the importance of community, inclusion, creativity and togetherness - all values that require support and a conscious effort of care, protection and solidarity. Initiatives such as Street Feast provide exactly that type of opportunity.”

President Michael D. Higgins
Patron of Street Feast



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Street Feast International

Having spent 9 years testing and developing Street Feast Ireland, we now believe the time is right to grow the initiative further afield. The issue of loneliness and isolation do not just affect Ireland; they are a global phenomenon.

In 2018 we kick started Street Feast in the US with a trial in Minnesota and in February 2019 Street Feast Australia will take place for the first time.

See www.streetfeast.org (coming soon) for more details.





STREET FEAST



Sunday 10th June 2018

We're organising a Street Feast in our neighbourhood on Sunday 10th of June and would love you to be a part of it.

A Street Feast is simply having lunch with your neighbours.

It's a great excuse to share good food, meet new people who live near you and have a bit of craic. There will be Street Feasts happening across Ireland on Sunday 10th June, big and small, come rain or shine. Let's get together and join the party!

Find out lots more about our Street Feast at streetfeast.ie

Where : THE GREEN

When: 10th June @ 1pm

Return to : GEMMA Hill-Wilkinson

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"Huge thank you Street Feast Team. I had such a fantastic time getting to know new neighbours and making new friends .. We will absolutely be signing up for next year's gathering and hope to make it bigger and better."

Thank you for all the e-mails and updates, I found it to be a great support and really helpful advice !"

- Gemma Hill-Wilkinson (Host, Street Feast Sligo 2018)



Thank you for your invaluable support!

If you have any questions or ideas you would like to discuss, we would love to hear from you, so please do not hesitate to contact us.

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