

Agenda of Questionnaire: 'The Designers Outlook'

'Are urban public spaces in Ireland heavily influenced by international design trends?'

The term 'Designers' in this context refers to the culmination of professional backgrounds that encompass the whole holistic approach of Urban Design: Landscape Architects, Planners, Developers, Environmentalists, Urban Designers, Architects, Engineers, and Construction Workers etc..

→ Please tick the appropriate category below. If filling out online please use a different colour for your answers. Thank you.

Agree or disagree on a scale 1-5: 1 = strongly agree 5 = strongly disagree.

1. Male () or Female ()

2. Age category: 18-25 () 26-35 () 36-45 () 46-60 () 61-above ()

3. Nationality (Optional):.....

4. What aspect of design are you involved in?

Landscape Architecture [] Architecture [] Planning [] Construction []

Urban Design [] Environmental []

Other.....

5. Urban public spaces in Ireland have changed a lot in the past 10 years. Strongly agree 1 - 5 Strongly disagree
1 [] 2 [] 3 [] 4 [] 5 []

6. People in Ireland choose to socialise outdoors more than indoors? Strongly agree 1 - 5 Strongly disagree
1 [] 2 [] 3 [] 4 [] 5 []

7. People's attitudes are more positive towards eating outside? Strongly agree 1 - 5 Strongly disagree
1 [] 2 [] 3 [] 4 [] 5 []

8. 'Alfresco cafés' & 'outdoor dining' are becoming more popular? Strongly agree 1 - 5 Strongly disagree
1 [] 2 [] 3 [] 4 [] 5 []

9. People are choosing to socialise in 'café style' environments over the traditional 'Irish pubs'. Strongly agree 1 - 5 Strongly disagree
1 [] 2 [] 3 [] 4 [] 5 []

10. People demand, in a 'retail environment', more 'alfresco style cafés'. Strongly agree 1 - 5 Strongly disagree
1 [] 2 [] 3 [] 4 [] 5 []
If u disagree, skip Q11.

11.The increase in 'alfresco style cafés' is due to:
Warmer climates [] European influenced [] Reminds people of holidays []
More diverse culture []
Other.....

12.New developments in Ireland are influenced by international urban public spaces. Strongly agree 1 - 5 Strongly disagree
1 [] 2 [] 3 [] 4 [] 5 []

13.In Ireland are there are many 'purely Irish' landmark developments. Strongly agree 1 - 5 Strongly disagree
1 [] 2 [] 3 [] 4 [] 5 []
If you agree, please elaborate.....

14.Grand Canal Dock in Dublin Docklands presently has one of the largest public paved areas in Dublin city, comprising of 10,000 sq metres.
Do you feel this represents a dramatic change in Irelands public space? Yes [] No []
If you agree, please elaborate.....

15. Are there any other 'landmark developments' in Ireland that have been influenced by international trends?'

16. What is the most important element in public space seating design?
Please categorise in order of preference from 1-8 [1 = high 8 = low]
Weather [] Location [] Materials [] Style [] Presence of a Café []
Security [] Comfort [] Presence of People []

17. Which material is most popular for public seating?
Marble [] Steel [] Wood [] Iron [] Plastic [] Stone []

18. Is there adequate shelter in Ireland for urban public seating? Yes [] No []

19. Is there adequate public seating in Dublin city? Yes [] No []

20. If you have any additional comments on the impact of international trends on Irish urban public space. Please comment below:

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Thank you for your time and commitment – you have contributed to a research paper titled: 'Are urban public spaces in Ireland heavily influenced by international trends?' for a Masters of Urban & Rural Design Science Degree, at Queens University Belfast.

If you're replying online or have any queries please don't hesitate to contact me on: dnoronha@bsmconsult.com or if you wish to send me hard copies please send to:

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N.B. Please consider the environment: if it is possible for you to answer this questionnaire online, please do so.