Democracy Festival – promoting participative and socially inclusive opportunities for citizens to engage in creative democratic activities.

Aim – encouraging and experiencing participative democracy in creative ways across borders. Local and at EU level. Encouraging creative and fun approaches:

To provide the public /citizen with an opportunity to engage in different ways with democratic processes and environments.

To encourage and stimulate all kinds of conversations about being a citizen and living in a democracy means to quality of life and purpose.

To provide NGOs (non-governmental organisations) who work on social issues to demonstrate and explain in accessible language -how their work makes a difference for citizens and is important for democracy.

To provide political parties and MEPs with an opportunity to explain to the public/citizen their understanding of democracy and the role of citizens in it but also the duty of the political representative to the citizen.

To engage media – journalists etc…. – to democratic processes – through having their reporting on social issues judged by those experiencing those issues.

This is to happen in a number of European countries from 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 and with a bigger event in 2020 in…? Ireland to coincide with European Region of Culture in Galway – if they are successful in their bid.

Will update this as it develops.