

Citizens Juries CIC

Guidance for public observers of citizens' juries

- Members of the public are very welcome to observe the citizens' jury proceedings. However, there may be periods when it is important for the jury to deliberate in private, and if so, Citizens Juries CIC staff will ask public observers to temporarily step outside, or into another room.
- The audience will be limited in size to those who can comfortably be seated in the room.
- Public observers should:
 - not speak to the members of the jury in, or outside, the citizens' jury room throughout the duration of the event
 - stay quiet at all times and not distract the members of the jury, or disrupt or influence the jury process
 - if entering or leaving the citizens' jury room, do so wherever possible during breaks, but if not as quietly as possible
 - turn phones and electronic devices off, or to silent mode, and not film, record or photograph the jury proceedings or members of the jury
 - direct any questions to Citizens Juries CIC staff, and only when outside the citizens' jury room
 - act respectfully to others in the citizens' jury room.
- Public observers who do not follow the rules above may be asked to leave.
- If members of the press wish to interview, film, photograph or record any member of the jury or the jury proceedings, they must arrange this in advance with Malcolm Oswald, Director of Citizens Juries CIC (who will be able to advise which members of the jury have given permission to be filmed, photographed etc.).

