For what its *worth*…..(currency from one to another)

Columbus thought he was discovering somewhere other than where he did. He wanted to meet his perceived needs by discovery. He energized himself and those around him and successfully scaled the mountain of tasks in order to cast off. He navigated through superstition, rivalry, natural events and landed on a beachhead of a small island absolutely convinced he had landed where he planned too. His accidental discovery would disturb and erupt into genocidal tsunami waves that wash over everyone now .

His value to us who are privileged not to have our lineage cut by his path is an example of what can happen when you enter unknown territories with known designs.

Liam Cahill argues "The soviet attitude to private property was essentially pragmatic. So long as shopkeepers were willing to act under the soviet dictates, there was no practical reason to commandeer their premises."[6] While the strike was described by some as a revolution, Cahill adds that: "In the end the soviet was basically an emotional and spontaneous protest on essentially nationalist and humanitarian grounds, rather than anything based on socialist or even trade union aims.

Hey Fiona..

Been thinking about what I heard from you and the other guests. Have had some thoughts but unsure if they are on-topic.

What I understood is that you wish to revisits the *Limerick Soviet* and in doing so replicate-investigate the *Alternative Currency* part of it. You wish to investigate wither it would be possible to recreate this alternative currency in 2018.

I understood that *You* do not wish to recreate the original alternative currency. You wish too create a 2018 version of the currency imbued with the social, political attributes of the original. Possibly adding new elements from known international attempts in other territories where similar alternative currency creations have occurred since the Limerick soviet. You may use these other currency's to create a hybrid, a new streamlined functional alternative currency.

You wish to place that currency into circulation in Limerick and to activate it.

You have assembled a collection of the alternative currency's and are exploring the differences and effectiveness of their functioning in order to choose your articulation.

Topics discussed surrounding the creation of the Alternative currency;

Implementation, physical appearance, target communities, geographic location, together with the known difficulties of understanding failures of previous attempts in sustainability and practicality.

Discussions took place surrounding the meaning of Value within the concept of a currency. How to value one offering from an individual (dentist) to another offering (a farmer) and the ways used to authenticate a balance of exchange acceptable to each individual. A number of previous Alternative currency's ware described in detail and shone a spotlight on the complex maneuverings of finding a value system acceptable and functional. During the discussion more examples ware brought to your attention including current working models that are in use. (Vanuatu)

Most of the talking was around various currencies of exchange that desirable improve the emotional value of the individuals during the action of seeking and finding needs. Too maximize finding truthful motivations, values, virtues. Sharpening civic principles that cause closeness and cohesion rather than separateness, (my understanding of what was being said).

Other voices spoke of the current Limerick organizations that may be interested in allowing you a location to place your articulation and reasons offered as to why they maybe you're a suitable community to spread from (co-op).

A further topic brought to your attention was that the Alternative currency you wish to create may be based on the current platforms already in operation in limerick and that your role may be to *Document* these. You could concentrate on the aspects that they are currently exhibiting and investigate their functionality, possible improving their sustainability.

Another avenue opened is that of the current digital space that was not in existence during the Limerick Soviet and how current digital platforms exhibiting the same core social values and concepts of the original *Limerick Soviet Alternative Currency*. Examples I think witch included the 'GO Fund Me' and 'Kick Start' platforms (if they ware not, I suggest they be included).

On the digital topic, it was suggested that you map current trends of exchange and value driven exchange were communities are actively avoiding norms of currency. Many other ideas surrounding these main topics ware dipped into in various ways, in general the roundtable I believe was very successful in opening up a conversation on your topic.

What I found interesting.
I felt the ethereal quality at the table to be the quality that was probable present at the Limerick Soviet. That bringing together of individuals –where they cease to be individuals and become a collective. The sharing of ideas/ knowledge. The application of time and attention to a problem by people who never met before (for me anyway).

The engagement.

The participation.

The offering of solutions to a difficulty.

The listening to others.

The willingness to be present.

The personal knowledge and shared endeavors of others who have experiences pertinent to the subject. Offered to you in order to help your need....

Need...

Need is your problem and your solution (in my opinion).

In the Limerick Soviet there was a need. There was a ground shifting occurrence/event in the fabric of the existing community. It was not theoretical it was a physical, political, social upheaval. It occurred overnight without any warning and imposed restrictive rules, so onerous, so pervasive that the community erupted. Out of that reaction the Limerick+Soviet happened.

Think of an environmental catastrophe where the community concerned had to stop their current way of being. They had to change everything very quickly in order to cope and continue their everyday.

However,

Limerick Soviet was not concerned just with coping and managing the everyday concerns of needs, they wished to manage and cope in a emancipatory expression of their beliefs in the face of perceived Authoritarian overreach.

They said…..'not like that', not so much, not by you..

From this position (maybe!) they came together like your roundtable and together they enacted a response to the affront of authority and out of that response one aspect was the creation of the *Alternative Currency*.
It may have been an articulation of revolt against oppressive governance. It may have been a *need* to say ....'no'.

If you are looking at an *Alternative Currency* I suggest you find the '*NO*' in it.

Q   What is a true expression today in 2018 of that 'no'.
Q   Are there communities expressing this position?
Q   Are there channels swimming currently in a 'no' pool somewhere?
Q   Are there instruments processing the 'no' position in communities?

Every example cited during the round table discussion ware examples of attempts of different communities saying '*no'* in their different ways. It was clear to me that everyone speaking in ormanstown gallery ware aware that each example used represented a community reacting to circumstance where that community ware choosing an alternative currency as a tool of emancipation. (just nobody mentioned that fact).
 I am a little slow-I am concerned that the center of discussions surrounding limerick Soviet should be about saying 'no' <u>to authority overreach</u> in what ever form it is currently being expressed in 2018.

Some possible expressions of object orientated creations based on the 'no';

1   The creation of a **Talisman** that explains the motivations of the 'no' aspect of the Limerick Soviet(the 'no'.. **identity card/passport**).

2   The creation of a 'no' **Shop**. (Selling-giving away- 'no' memorabilia)

3   The creation of the 'no' **Currency**(worth everything meaningful)

4   The creation of the 'no' *List* .(current list of authority overreach)

5   The creation of the 'no'. **Product list** (locations of communities and descriptions of their services who currently are activating expressions of the 'no' doctrine of resistance).

6   The creation of the 'no' **Hub**.(where digital communities can come together and learn to articulate their positions through the filter of the 'no'.

7   A 'no' concert gig. Songs of the 'no' from artists.

The list could be endless, attach 'no' filter to any endeavor!

For you in going forward I offer this very discourteous *Mansplaining* piece of text… it is I am sure very clear to you that I have a limited understanding of your overall position and if there is only one item I may have expressed that helps in anyway then it is worth the embarrassment of the other rubbish you have had to read.

Lastly, you may be pressed into creating a functional model to adhere to your own needs. While deliberating your choices.. ..consider Columbus.
The mountain of tasks you wish to process in order to land on a future shore will direct the outcome of future thoughts and the lives to come.

Fiona, even thou we may rarely meet I am forever grateful for the kindness (empathy) you offered while I was in need.

This is *the currency* of '*worth*'…..

Best don.