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Island City – Cork's Urban Sculpture Trail is a unique cultural trail of five public artworks for locals and visitors to enjoy. Located on the central island in Cork City, the trail is easily walkable. It animates the city and illuminates Cork's unique heritage in an arresting, intriguing and playful way.

A unique sculpture trail celebrating, animating, and illuminating Cork City and our urban heritage.



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1
Boom Nouveau
By Forerunner
— Cook Street

Boom Nouveau mimics the form of a tangible everyday urban street feature – the lamppost. The name refers to the rupture of the artwork emerging from the ground, with a nod to the influence of the craftsmanship of art nouveau. Created using historic methods of production with familiar building materials alongside hand-blown glass and cast bronze, the sculpture shines a light on the city and encourages people to look up and explore the architecture as they navigate through the city.



2
The Face Cup
By Fiona Mullholland
— The Exchange Building,
Princes Street

The Face Cup is a celebration of Cork's rich prehistoric heritage. An artwork of large-scale sculptural reliefs, it is based on a collection of exceptional Bronze Age ceramic artefacts circa 3800 years old that were excavated by Cork archaeologists. A museum for an outdoor space, it also pays testament to the rich history and hospitality of the building and area. The artwork is handmade in styrofoam and fibreglass and painted in a gold effect.



3
Sentinels
[flew through the ages
in the shape of birds]
By Niamh McCann
— Carey's Lane

Sentinels is a lane-length sculptural piece, influenced by the architecture, geography, and migratory history of the street, a nod to the old and the new. The work, which is made with sustainable materials, is fixed above head height and held by the simple image of a seagull, perched atop a neon strip, sentinel-like. Intriguing and playful, the work animates the lane and responds to the shifting shape of the city.



4
Urban Mirror
By plattenbaustudio
— Cornmarket Street

Urban Mirror is a beautifully crafted large table with an atmospheric globe light that provides a sculptural pavilion in a cultural corner of the city centre and a warming glow when the sun sets. A space intended to be used by the public to talk, eat, play and interact, it was inspired by the street's vibrant history as a market-place. Made of durable and playful stainless steel, the freeform table can seat up to 50 people.



5
Tempus Futurum
By Brian Kenny
— Triskel Christchurch

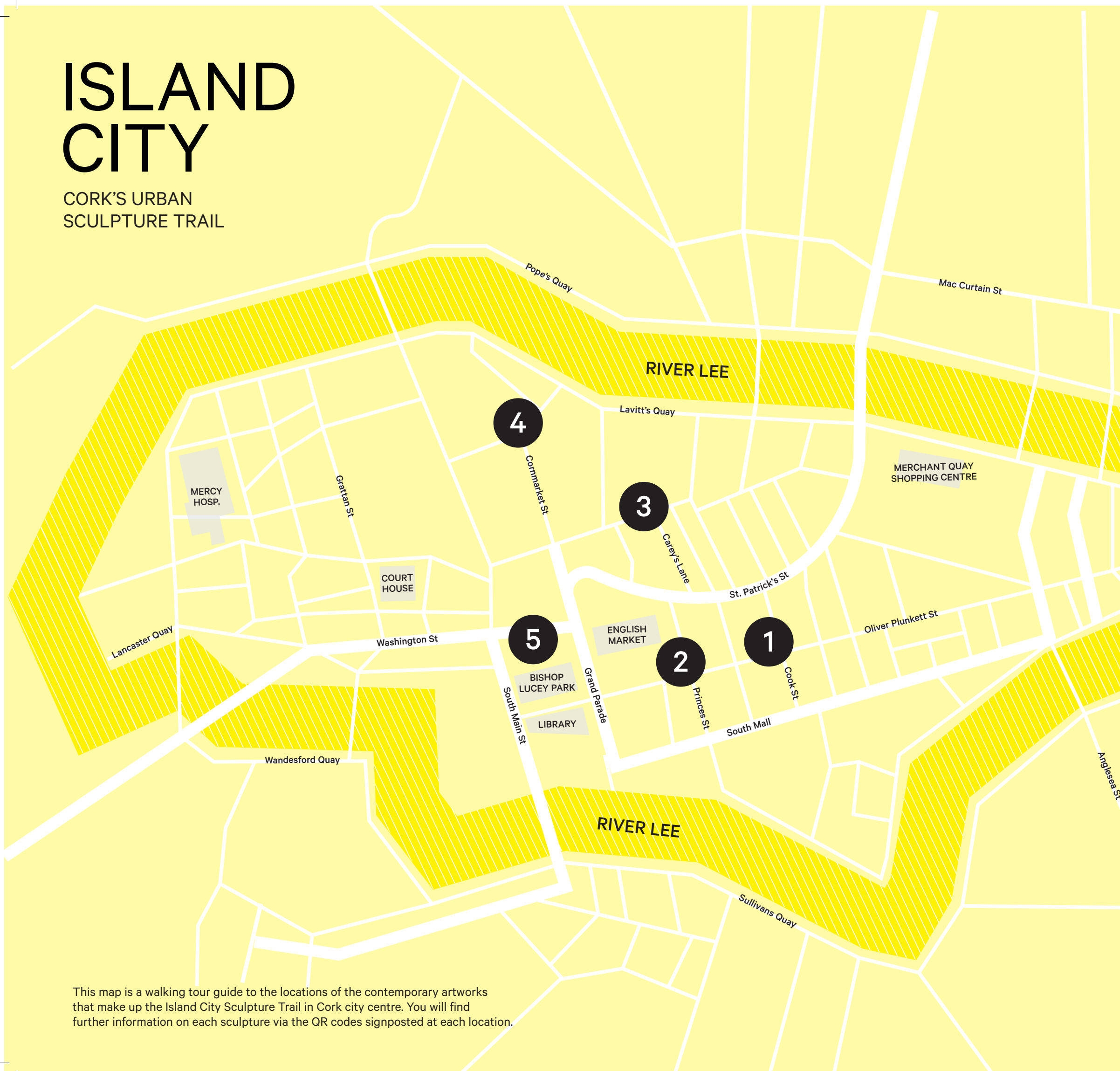
'Tempus Futurum' echoes the adage: 'A society thrives when elders plant trees under whose shade they'll never rest'. It delves into past, present, and an imminent future, exploring human impact on the environment. Scenes link human actions to nature's fate, while 50 children envision the building's future, sparking hope. The interactive finale reflects sustainability, showcasing the link between human choices and nature's balance. It's a reflection on the city's growth, urging consideration of today's impact on tomorrow's landscapes. (Oct – April, evenings only)

View from South Main St.

Photography by Clare Keogh

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This map is a walking tour guide to the locations of the contemporary artworks that make up the Island City Sculpture Trail in Cork city centre. You will find further information on each sculpture via the QR codes signposted at each location.

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