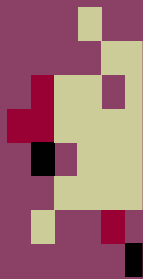




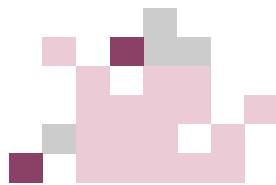
Fund for Initiatives to  
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In October 2006, the Minister for Justice, Equality and Law Reform announced the Fund for Initiatives to Support the Integration of Legally Resident Immigrants for which €3m was made available. This was allocated across two strands of funding:

1. One strand for Area Based Partnership Companies and Community Partnership Companies (€2m)
2. One strand for Non-Government Organisations (NGO's) (€1m)

The aim of the Fund is to enable NGOs and Partnerships, in close cooperation with all relevant stakeholders, to initiate strategies and actions that will contribute to the successful integration of legally resident immigrants and their families into Irish society. This may include education and employment supports, language training, capacity building, intercultural activities etc.

Subsequent to the original 2006 allocation of €3m, the newly established Office of the Minister for Integration allocated a further €1m in 2007 to an additional number of NGOs and Partnerships. These NGO's and Partnerships had originally applied for and been recommended for funding in 2006 under the original €3m allocation but insufficient funding was available to those organisations at that time.

The Fund for Initiatives to Support the Integration of Legally Resident Immigrants is administered by Pobal on behalf of the Office of the Minister for Integration.

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# NGOs

## AkiDwA, the African Women's Network

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AkiDwA is a national network of African women living in Ireland working together to enhance changes on issues that affect their lives. AkiDwA aims to respond to and address the existing and changing needs of African women living in Ireland. AkiDwA's work focuses on development and human rights issues from a gender perspective.

### Aim of Project

1. To conduct an action research project on the health needs of African women among African communities and mainstream community and statutory service providers, with a view to influencing mainstream policy and improve future service delivery to African women (and other migrant women).
2. To initiate and document outcomes from a number of pilot actions designed to provide appropriate health services to African women, including survivors of gender based violence (GBV) including female genital mutilation (FGM) and domestic violence.

### ACTIONS:

#### Capacity Building:

- Develop a Partnership Forum for the project with members from relevant statutory and non-statutory service providers to share information and to inform the action-research process and pilot actions.

#### Research:

- Complete an Action-Research project tracking the process and outcomes of the pilot project actions.
- Host focus group discussions with migrant women. A seminar in each HSE region will then be hosted to share the initial learning from the focus groups.

#### Information Provision:

- A national conference at the end of the project will launch the publication of the action-research undertaken throughout the project.

#### Service Provision:

- The Partnership Forum will agree a number of pilot interventions to improve service delivery in areas such as responding to the needs of migrant women who have experienced domestic violence and female genital mutilation.

## Threshold

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Threshold is a non-for-profit organisation whose aim is to secure a right to housing, particularly for households experiencing the problems of poverty and exclusion through campaigning for suitable housing on a rights based approach, quality research, information and support services and offering long-term solutions to people who are homeless.

### Aim of Project

The overall aim of the project is to improve EU10 nationals access to Thresholds support services through the development of an advice service for EU10 communities living in Ireland available in their own language.

### ACTIONS:

#### Capacity Building:

- Development of a network of EU10 volunteers to provide housing advice to EU10 nationals and the community and statutory organisations representing and working with EU10 nationals.

#### Information Provision

- Translation of Threshold literature into EU10 languages.
- Housing and renters rights information sessions in EU10 languages.
- Advertising campaigns highlighting 'renters rights' in EU10 languages.
- Promote the service and literature through presentations at relevant expos and conferences.

#### Service Provision

- Provision of a part time information and advice service dedicated to EU10 nationals living in Ireland.

# PARTNERSHIPS

## Canal Communities Partnership

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Established in 1997, the Canal Communities Partnership serves the communities of Bluebell, Inchicore, Rialto, Islandbridge and Kilmainham. The CCP area is in the process of substantial redevelopment and many communities are changing into new, more socially mixed neighbourhoods. Their primary objective is supporting the community sector to engage with and influence this process of change.

### Aim of Project

To provide a Manager for the Canal Communities Intercultural Centre who will be responsible for the management and sustainable development of a vibrant, creative and dynamic intercultural community centre. The manager will be responsible for the management and overall coordination of centre including programmes of activities.

### Actions:

#### Capacity Building:

- Delivery of an Intercultural Health Programme involving a number of personal development and information workshops will be held in the centre.
- Implementation of the Volunteer Outreach Programme will target new volunteers through outreach work and provide training to volunteers as they get involved in the planning and the work of the centre.

#### Information Provision:

- Provision of a drop-in service in conjunction with the CIC to provide information and advice to migrants.

#### Research:

- An action research project will be undertaken in partnership with the Regional Youth Service, local Youth Projects and Youth Services to identify and address the barriers to integration within the youth service.

#### Intercultural Activity:

- Host seasonal intercultural events in partnership with local community organisations.
- Working with local schools, summer projects and Dublin City Council to promote integration.

## CDCD Network

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CDCD Network works towards the common goal of providing information, assistance and support to the people of North East Kilkenny with a special focus on those experiencing struggle.

### Aim of Project

The CDCD Network integration project encompasses a series of actions designed to address a range of integration needs in the North East Kilkenny area.

### ACTIONS:

#### Language Training:

- Provision of subsidised English language classes.

#### Education Supports:

- Targeted career guidance support initiative for migrants.
- Migrants will be targeted to participate in a variety of FETAC training modules delivered by CDCD Network.
- Provision of IT training courses to migrants with a view to improving their IT skills.

#### Employment Supports:

- Provision of employment support clinics held at alternative times to cater for migrant workers needs.

#### Capacity Building:

- Engage members of the migrant communities to become involved in the production of a multi-lingual newsletter;
- Support the formation of a Steering Committee for the Integration Project.

#### Service Provision:

- Provision of an Internet Café service for migrants

#### Intercultural Activities:

- Organise two cultural celebrations to promote social networking between migrants and the host community
- Host a Project Launch and a further 11 events to promote awareness of the integration project and integration issues.

## Clondalkin Partnership

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Clondalkin Partnership was established in 1995 to counter disadvantage and to impact positively on the needs of the socially excluded, the long-term unemployed and those at risk of becoming long-term unemployed. The Partnership's catchment area includes eight DEDs in the west of Dublin.

### **Aim of Project**

To support the running of Clondalkin Intercultural Centre that will host a number of training programmes and activities to promote integration in the community.

### **ACTIONS:**

#### **Language Training:**

- Support the development of a voluntary Language Exchange Programme for migrants and the host community.

#### **Employment & Education Supports:**

- Provision of training and enterprise development services.

#### **Capacity Building:**

- Deliver three Anti-Racism training programmes to local agencies and community groups.
- Deliver three training programmes to migrants to enhance their capacity to integrate economically, socially and culturally in Irish society.

#### **Information Provision:**

- Provision of one to one information and support service.
- Host information sessions for migrants on different issues / topics of relevance to migrants.

#### **Intercultural Activities:**

- Host four intercultural events highlighting social and cultural norms of Irish and new communities to promote intercultural dialogue
- Deliver a variety of integrated youth programmes
- Host coffee mornings in local schools for parents of all nationalities to provide an opportunity to meet.

## Clonmel Community Partnership

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Clonmel Community Partnership aims to counter disadvantage in Clonmel through the delivery of a range of programmes and measures.

### **Aim of Project**

This project seeks to increase access and prepare legally resident migrants for existing employment placement programmes and the promotion of social integration through the arts and the development of high quality peer-led education programme.

### **ACTIONS:**

#### **Language Training:**

- Provision of English Language classes in conjunction with the VEC

#### **Capacity Building:**

- Capacity training and support for an established local minority ethnic group to participate in local decision-making structures. The training programme will involve committee skills, team building, advocacy and facilitation skills.
- Support the migrant workers network in South Tipperary to undertake actions arising from network meetings

#### **Information Provision:**

- Support a migrant volunteer to work in the local CIC to provide information and support in at least 2 foreign languages

#### **Intercultural Activities:**

- Host 2 intercultural events to promote cultural diversity in Clonmel

#### **Research:**

- Build on a previous community profile of migrant workers living in Clonmel to examine the experience of other migrant groups, including women working in the home and refugees living in Clonmel.

## MFG Comhar Dhuibhne

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The main aim of MFG Comhar Dhuibhne is to empower communities through guidance and by encouraging self-confidence and self-development throughout the community in every aspect of community life. This includes economic development and development in social, cultural and environmental arenas.

### **Aim of Project:**

This project seeks to facilitate the participation of migrants in the everyday life of the community in Corca Dhuibhne through a number of training programme and targeted supports. The project also seeks to raise awareness within the local community about difficulties and barriers faced by migrants.

### **Language Training:**

- Provision of various levels of English Language Classes in conjunction with FAS and the VEC.
- Irish Language Support for 15 migrant parents of children attending local primary school.

### **Information Provision:**

- Dissemination of translated information literature on employment, housing, rights and entitlements, etc.
- Host 2 Information Events on employment rights and entitlements.
- Referral to mainstream existing services available locally.

### **Capacity Building:**

- Support the development of new community groups.
- Provision of Diversity in the Workplace training and Diversity training in local schools.
- Anti-Racism and cultural awareness training for MFG Comhar Dhuibhne staff.

### **Intercultural Activities:**

- Organisation of Intercultural events to promote intercultural dialogue locally.
- Publication of a Multi-National Calendar marking national days of importance for immigrants.

### **Research**

- Compile and continuously up-date a Community Profile of migrants living in the Corca Dhuibhne area.

## Inishowen Partnership

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Inishowen Partnership was established in 1996 to bring together representatives from community and voluntary sector, social partners, statutory agencies and public representatives to devise and implement solutions to the disadvantage experienced in the Inishowen Peninsula.

### **Aim of Project**

The Inishowen Partnership's Integration Project encompasses a series of actions designed to address the needs of immigrants and to promote integration throughout the Inishowen Peninsula.

### **ACTIONS:**

#### **Language Training:**

- Provision of Interpretation Skills Training for 10 immigrants.
- Conversation Classes with both Irish and non-Irish people participating will be organised locally.

#### **Employment & Education Supports:**

- Deliver a range of up-skilling, employability and enterprise development actions.
- Provision of Cultural Awareness Training for Employers.

#### **Capacity Building:**

- Delivery of a Community Development and Active Citizenship training programme to promote participation in community activity amongst migrants
- Provision of training for service providers on Migrants rights and entitlements

#### **Information Provision:**

- Provision of information sessions in collaboration with relevant statutory agencies and community support groups

#### **Intercultural Activity:**

- Through the medium of arts, music and drama, cultural diversity will be explored and an exhibition of the outputs from the process will be hosted locally.

## County Leitrim Partnership

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Established in 1996 Leitrim Partnership's broad aim is to enhance the capacity of local communities and individuals, particularly the unemployed and disadvantaged, to participate at all levels in the social and economic development of County Leitrim. A range of supports are offered to these communities.

### **Aim of Project**

The project seeks to work in consultation with migrants and include the participation of the local community and coordinated delivery of services to migrants

### **ACTIONS:**

#### **Language Training:**

- Provision of English language classes in conjunction with the VEC.

#### **Capacity Building:**

- Support for the expansion of the Migrant Workers Forum through capacity building and organisational development training.

#### **Employment & Education Supports:**

- Provision of employment support in conjunction with the Leitrim Jobs Club, including CV preparation, interview skills, job searching skills and general information sharing.

#### **Information Provision:**

- Provision of an information service in partnership with the CIC

#### **Intercultural Activities:**

- Existing community groups and organisations will be supported to involve migrants in their activities and structures

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County Monaghan Partnership was established in 1996 to tackle social exclusion and deprivation in Monaghan. Monaghan Partnership seeks to co-ordinate and enhance the provision of state services to the area and work in cooperation with the community and voluntary sector and statutory agencies.

### **Aim of Project**

This project seeks to promote the inclusion of immigrants in County Monaghan through language training supports, information provision and a range of intercultural and awareness raising events.

### **ACTIONS:**

#### **Language Training:**

- Provision of community-based English Language classes targeting stay-at home parents in particular to encourage their integration into the community

#### **Capacity Building:**

- Delivery of 10 Anti-Racism training sessions to raise awareness and promote increased tolerance and understanding between nationality and cultural groups

#### **Information Provision:**

- Provision of literature on migrants rights and entitlements in a booklet format in a variety of languages with local information and contact points

#### **Intercultural Activities:**

- Host a number of intercultural events to increase intercultural dialogue and cultural understanding in County Monaghan.

## Tallaght Partnership Ltd

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Established in 1991 the Partnership's key approach is to identify new ways to deal with issues affecting the area. Tallaght Partnership's central objective is to mainstream successful projects and make them the responsibility of the appropriate public service provider.

### **Aim of Project**

The Tallaght Partnership's integration project encompasses a series of actions designed to address a range of integration issues in the Tallaght area.

### **ACTIONS:**

#### **Language Training:**

- Provision of ESOL (English as a Second Language) classes to 50 participants and IELTS (International English Language Testing System) Certification for 15 participants.

#### **Education & Employment Supports:**

- Delivery of Multi-skills training programme to enhance employability for unemployed and under-employed migrants

#### **Capacity Building:**

- Delivery of a Diversity and Community Leadership training programme linking immigrants and representatives from local community organisations and agencies.

#### **Information Provision:**

- Support monthly information meetings for New Communities Forum.

#### **Research:**

- Undertake a mapping exercise to identify the levels of migrant participation and the patterns of their participation in the community organisations and activities.

#### **Intercultural Activities:**

- Participate in the organisation of Tallaght Diversity and Integration Day with a number of local partners.

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Tullamore Wider Options (TWO) is a community network responsible for the implementation of the LDSIP in Tullamore town and its environs. TWO aims to explore and develop wider options to combat social exclusion and disadvantage locally in association with the wider community.

### **Aim of Project**

The overall aim of the project is to improve employment supports and information provision to meet the needs of the migrant community resident in Tullamore and its environs.

### **ACTIONS:**

#### **Employment & Education Supports:**

- Provision of a referral and liaison service with employment and education services.
- Working closely with the Tullamore Wider Option's Jobs Club to assist immigrants access to employment, training and further education.

#### **Capacity Building:**

- Training of 10 migrants as community leaders to provide information in their own communities and take lead roles in local, social, cultural and sporting organisations for the benefit of the wider community

#### **Information Provision:**

- Provision of a series of information evenings on a variety of interest areas such as sporting and community groups, cultural events etc

#### **Intercultural Activities:**

- Participate in the organisation of a range of events, seminars and conferences locally to include the migrant agenda.