



Kildare Interagency Integration Committee

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, 9th June 2022 at 11.30 a.m. via Microsoft Teams

Attendance: Attached

1. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the 31st of March 2022 were approved and adopted on the proposal of Mary Hennessey, seconded by John Doran. There were no matters arising from the minutes.

2. Chairperson's business

Cllr. Breslin noted the apologies received, paid tribute to the community department and their work supporting the Ukrainian response. Cllr. Breslin also commended Mick Power for his work as manager of the Kildare Volunteer Centre and wished him the best in his retirement.

Cllr. Breslin asked if any member had any conflicts of interest relating to this meeting – no conflicts were declared.

3. Africa Day

Anne Daly and Beth Kinyua from County Kildare Leader Partnership (CKLP) gave a presentation detailing the events held to celebrate Africa Day. Three events were held in May 2022, in Monasterevin, Maynooth and Athy. The events showcased Africa culture through food, entertainment, art, culture and fashion. The events were very successful and well attended. From connections made new groups would be formed in both Monasterevin and Maynooth to support interculturalism. CKLP thanked the support of the community workers Laura Whelan, Valerie Devaney and Lisa Ennis from Kildare County Council and noted the generous support from Irish Aide, without whose funding the events could not have taken place.

4. Q2 2022 Implementation Report

Q1 Report circulated to all members prior to meeting. As agreed, each individual action will not be reported on, but the floor will be open for questions or clarification. Each lead agency will take responsibility for responding to questions on their actions. Anne Daly highlighted that not all agencies had

updated their reports for this quarter so asked that they are done for the next quarter. Q2 Report available upon request to integration@kildarecoco.ie

Anne Daly advised that a Kildare Integration Strategy Working group has been established. The working group members will be by Paula O'Brien, Brian O'Gorman, Mary Hennessey, Gary Cogan, Niamh Conaghan, Zoryana Pshyk and Cllr. Vanessa Liston. The terms of reference for this groups were examined and passed on the proposal of Niamh Connaughton and seconded by Gary Gogan.

5. Kildare Libraries Small Steps to Literacy Programme Presentation

Amye Quigley, Kildare Executive Librarian outlined the Small Steps to Literacy programme. This programme is funded by the dormant accounts fund and is aimed at parents with children aged 0 – 5 years of age. The programme has been translated into Czech Roma and Romanian with a view to being translated in the other major languages spoken by Kildare residents. Presentation available upon request to integration@kildarecoco.ie

6. Any other business

Cllr. Breslin reminded everyone that it was agreed that a lead agency would present at each meeting and that everyone will be expected to present at a meeting.

Anne Daly requested a direct contact for the Housing section of Kildare County Council for queries from those leaving direct provision. Cllr. Breslin agreed that she would follow up on this and contact Anne direct with a KCC Housing contact.

There was no other business.

The meeting concluded.

The next meeting will be held on the 8th of September 2022 at 11.30 a.m.

12/09/2022

J. O'Gorman