



Kildare Interagency Integration Committee

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, 31st March 2022 at 11.30 a.m. via Microsoft Teams

Attendance: Attached

1. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the 9th of December 2021 were approved and adopted on the proposal of Anne Daly, seconded by Justin Parkes. Anne Daly spoke on a matter which arose from the minutes regarding the establishment of a working group, Anne asked for anyone interested in joining the working group to email her directly.

2. Chairperson's business

Cllr. Breslin welcomed new committee members Anne Myler from Kildare Library Services, John Doran from Kildare Sports Partnership who will replace Syl Merrins and Caitriona Kirwan from Teach Tearmainn who will replace Lorraine Rowan. Apologies were received from Joan O'Connor, Grainne Fleming, Emma Berney, Brian O'Gorman, Terry Conroy, Niamh Conaghan and Martha Brandes. Cllr. Breslin asked if any member had any conflicts of interest relating to this meeting – no conflicts were declared.

3. Africa Day

Anne Daly updated the committee regarding planned events to celebrate Africa Day in May 2022. CKLP along with Laura Whelan in Kildare County Council have applied for funding to host the celebration from Irish Aide. They hope to hold three in-person events in three different locations in the county. A representative from Irish Aide will be invited to attend one of these events. The focus of the celebration will be stories of African people in our community, the event will be publicised and promoted through usual channels in CKLP and KCC.

4. Q1 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. It was noted and agreed that targeted work leads to the best outcomes. Anne Daly highlighted that item 2.7 had no definite lead

and that all agencies should report on it in the next quarter. Anne also emphasised that it is important to include a brief report on items and to not just colour code the status box. Q1 Report available upon request to integration@kildarecoco.ie

5. Kildare's Response for Ukrainian Refugees

Committee member Zoryana Pshyk spoke about her and her family's personal experience of the war on the Ukraine. Zoryana detailed the struggles faced by displaced Ukrainian citizens and advised the committee on practical supports that would greatly assist any Ukrainian refugees who come to reside in Kildare.

Paula O'Brien advised the committee of Kildare County Council's response to support these new Kildare residents. Three areas were identified to focus on and work has begun on all three:

1. Community Response Forum which was established during covid has been reformed to now focus on how to help and support Ukrainian refugees.
2. A rest centre has been secured as a temporary accommodation measure before a longer-term housing solution can be identified. There will be access to an interpreter available at the rest centre.
3. Information gathering in collaboration with Kildare libraries to create a central location for practical supports and advice available at both national and local level which will be available to Ukrainian nationals.

6. Training Opportunities

Anne Daly gave details of two upcoming course: 'Intercultural Awareness & Anti-racism' and 'Diversity Matters'. These course are suitable for not-for-profit organisations although some requests have been made to provide inhouse training for agencies, which unfortunately cannot be supported with current resources.

7. Kildare Sports Partnership Presentation

John Doran, Kildare Sports Partnership's Community Sport Development Officer highlighted the work of KSP with particular focus on the inclusive nature of their work. John also spoke about 'Integration Through Sport' programme and the positive response it received from participants and their plans to continue running it. Presentation will be circulated to committee after the meeting. Presentation available upon request to integration@kildarecoco.ie

8. Any other business

It was agreed that a lead agency would present at each meeting from this meeting onwards and this will be a standing agenda item. A email will issue to the committee prior to the next meeting to seek a volunteer to present at the next meeting.

There was no other business. The meeting concluded. The next meeting will be held on the 26th of May 2022 at 11.30 a.m.

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