

Tuairisc/Reporting Template for Galway City Community Network Representatives

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1. Cruinniú / Name of Meeting	LCDC
2. Ionadaí LPCG (glacadóir - nótaí) / Name of GCCN Rep (note-taker)	Joanne Laffey
3. Dáta & Suite / Date & Location of Meeting:	9 th November 2022, Council Chambers, City Hall
4. I láthair / Attendance	<p>Present</p> <p>Chair: Martina O'Connor</p> <p>Council: Theresa Donohue Michelle Lyons Liam Kitterick Brian Barrett Brendan McGrath Aisling Colreavy</p> <p>Community: Fiona McDonagh-Delaney Joanne Laffey Declan Brassil Linda Silke Owen Hanley Breda Fox Anne O'Neill Lorraine Lally</p> <p>In Attendance: James Coyne (online) Oliver Daniels (online) Niall Crowley, (online guest presentation)</p>
5. Príomhphointí pléite / Key Issues Discussed:	
<p>1. MINUTES from LCDC meeting 14th Sept 2022</p> <p>No matters arising</p> <p>2. LECP Update</p> <p>i) Presentation from Niall Crowley (Value Lab) on LECP Assessment and LECP Evidence Book</p> <p>Declan Brassil stated that Galway has previously led out on this and need to keep it up. Proposed to adopt the document and processes.</p>	

Brian Barrett suggested that the evidence book is used (Niall Crowley later corrected this and said assessment doc should be used instead) as a lens that we can proof against to ensure we are meeting equality and human rights.

SPC usually use as a framework and put to group.

Niall Crowley noted that the document is not new, but tracking and checking against it gets it over the line.

Brian informed the group that the council are working with NUIG and Urban lab to apply for a grant for data collecting tools (new mechanisms). Hope to use these for tracking with LECP and if successful, can be replicated by other LECPs (and attractive to SFI if so).

Declan requested tracking other than on paper, record change for people, not just academic. Brian Barrett agreed.

Proposed: Declan Brassil

Seconded: Fiona McDonagh Delaney

- ii) Report and Discussion on submissions received on the draft Issues Paper for LECP Public Consultation

Theresa Donohue gave overview of report sent.

Brian noted that resources need to be identified to deliver on plan. Not all issues raised are the responsibility of the council, they need to be prioritised and budgeted for. Service level plan have been asked to relate back to LECP plan. Need science to assess priorities (e.g. census) and inform process of LECP over next 2/3 years that prioritise the most vulnerable.

Fiona pointed out link to evidence book and importance of keeping on top of under reporting.

Lorraine Lally posed the question of aligning KPI's with funding streams. Brian said we don't have influence at LCDC level to change national priorities.

Declan noted that council lead out on public consultation with LECP but up to all at the table to help. Priorities must be agreed at a local level and a collaborative approach with, e.g., HSE, Healthy Ireland, used.

James Coyne noted that there were very little residential, arts or economic submission so how will Brian prioritise. Brian Barrett said to see what the data says along with high level national policies as well as the consultation.

3. SICAP

- 2023 KPI targets will remain same as 2022
- Agreed with GCP and Pobal

Proposed: Brendan McGrath

Seconded: Breda Fox

Declan delighted targets haven't changed, always exceed but no need to raise them just because of that. No guidance on Ukrainian support – awaiting info from Pobal.

Case study played. Noted that group should watch case study on the Youth Advocate Programme also on GCP website.

4. Healthy Galway City Update

Aisling Colreavy gave update as per her report.

- HIF Round 4 template has been agreed, significantly different to last 3 rounds,
- closes Jan 27th 2023
- online survey remains live until end of 2022

Anne O'Neill raised issue of funding gaps, great to see more money in the pot but with 3-year strategies funding is not known until the end of each year.

Lorraine praised Aislings report but pointed out that minorities are not included enough in initiatives and that more strategic partnerships are needed (e.g., with men's sheds, etc).

5. Ukrainian Community Response Forum

Brian Barrett gave update.

To date there are 56k Ukrainian programme refugees nationally, expected to rise to 60k by month end. Galway city

- 1298 in emergency accommodation
- Min 2000 more in city and increasing
- City is full, call out by local authorities this month for vacant accommodation, Galway not expected to have large numbers.

Emergency accommodation includes hotels, not sustainable.

Grant for vacant properties to increase from €400 to €800.

IPAS manage accommodation centrally for all refugees, GCP providing wrap around supports.

Anne said pressure is building on GPs – many not registering any new patients. There has been an EOI to augment GP services for refugees (e.g., use retired GPs) but still need nurses, admin etc.

Galway Volunteer Centre has funding for new dedicated resource.

2 new funds to be aware of;

- €50m to community groups
- Dept of Health €1m (€28,575 to Galway City) delivered through community response forum.

Breda Fox stated that the LEO are starting a Ukrainian Start Your Own Business Programme.

Owen Hanley raised point of Galway not being “full” as per Brian’s statement previously and that the council had a duty to address vacant property situation.

Brian said that building regulations and retrofitting costs have put a halt to much development of these properties. Also stated that the properties being made available cannot interfere with Housing For All policy.

Martina raised concern of isolated groups within the Ukrainian Community here (e.g., Russian Ukrainians not mixing).

Martina also noted the need for support for staff trauma, and the LCDCs need to address this.

6. A.O.B.

E-mail from DRCD re funding for community enhancements, Theresa will forward more information when received.

Note funding for Men's Sheds (€800k) and Women's Sheds (€100k). Women's sheds finding it hard to get support as there is no national body for them. Timelines for funding applications will be tight.

Exchequer audit for SICAP and LCDC ongoing.

Noted request from GCCN to alternated meetings between afternoon and evening. BB will discuss with staff but latest they can accommodate is 5-7pm.

National Domestic Violence Conference 18th November.

Group noted Declan Brassils impending retirement from GCP, Brian thanked him for input throughout the years and wished him well.

6. Gníomhaíochtaí / Action(s) required from GCCN:

7. Dáta don chéad chruinniú eile / Date of next meeting :

8. Moltaí breise / Any Other Comments: