



Projects funded under National Funding to Promote the Integration of Immigrants

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Grants totalling €1.9 million are being made available to 15 projects to help the integration of immigrants in to Irish society. These projects will be delivered over the next three years in a number of locations across the country by public bodies and NGOs who were successful following an open call for applications.

Funding is being provided to projects that provide integration measures in one or more of the following ways:

- Increasing mutual understanding between host communities and immigrants;
- combating racism and xenophobia;
- facilitating language acquisition aimed at enabling immigrants to access employment and / or to integrate into their local communities;
- promoting the integration into Irish society of vulnerable or socially-excluded immigrants;
- providing training to public and private sector organisations on equality and integration;
- providing information and support for immigrants in regard to access to services;
- providing information and support for immigrants in regard to immigration and citizenship;
- promoting integration in schools;
- promoting integration in the youth sector;
- promoting integration in the workplace; promoting the involvement of immigrants in sport, volunteering and cultural activities.

A brief description of the projects is provided in the following pages.

	Organisation Name	Project Name	County	Geographical scope	Description of Project	Grant
1	Marino Institute of Education (MIE)	Migrant Teacher Programme – Duration: 24 months	Dublin	Nationwide	<p>This project will provide a bridging programme for migrant teachers to help them to access the public service teaching jobs in Ireland. The Marino Institute of Education/Trinity College Dublin accredited programme will be delivered to 60 migrant teachers through a blended model of online learning and face-to-face learning. It will provide participants with nationally recognised certification thus strengthening their applications for teaching positions in Ireland.</p> <p>The project will also deliver four nationwide training events aimed at Boards of Management and National management bodies of schools. It is anticipated that the events will focus on and highlight the school and society based benefits of recruiting IJET's (Immigrant Internally Educated Teachers).</p>	€100,000

2	NASC the Irish Immigrant Support Centre	Immigrant Integration Initiative – Duration: 36 months	Cork	Southern Region & Cork City and County	<p>This project will deliver an information and support service for Irish nationals, including persons of a migrant background, EEA and non - EEA nationals with permission to reside in the state and their families. This is a wraparound service that cuts across the full range of immigration and citizenship issues and provides support around the access to services including, employment, education, housing etc. Access to accurate information and appropriate supports will enable migrants to effectively navigate immigration and citizenship systems leading to better outcomes and increased awareness. Training will be developed and delivered to Citizens Information Centres and other information providers in Cork and Waterford so that they are better informed on migration and citizenship issues. To maximise reach online resources will be developed to target mainstream service providers and will supply an overview of the immigration system. These resources will include a training manual, FAQs and 'How to' guides.</p>	€75,000
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3	The Lantern Intercultural Centre	Asylum Seekers and Refugees Psychosocial and Educational Support Programme – Duration: 12 months	Dublin	Greater Dublin Area, Kildare Town, Newbridge, Galway City	<p>This Project provides assistance to refugees and asylum seekers by offering:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Assistance with gaining the necessary skills and qualifications that will enable them to access employment. - Professional educational support, including long term tuition for the duration of courses and training. - Professional guidance with job applications, interviews and placements. - Support and advice services. - Psychotherapy and psychotherapeutic support. 	€12,000
4	Sport Against Racism Ireland	SARI Training Workshops for Primary Schools – Duration: – 32 months	Dublin	Nationwide	<p>The aim of the SARI Training Workshops are to organise activities and events that further social inclusion by bringing people of different communities together through sport in the school playground.</p> <p>SARI will travel nationwide delivering football training sessions, which incorporate anti-discrimination workshops, to children in primary schools aged 10 - 13. All classes will be delivered by a diverse team of certified SARI coaches and young leaders.</p>	€90,000

5	Tralee International Resource Centre	Tralee International Resource Centre – Duration: 36 months	Kerry	Tralee Urban/Tralee Rural	<p>This project is focused on the integration of families through language skills, drop in facilities, Befriending and Intercultural events.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - English language classes will be delivered in collaboration with the Kerry ETB. - Drop In facilities will provide support and advice to families and will assist with accessing information and services. - The Befriending project will build bridges between host and new communities. A pilot project has been set up in Kerry to support the refugee families who arrived under the resettlement programme and this model will be used to deliver the project to the wider migrant community. - Intercultural events and awareness raising programmes will promote integration and celebrate cultural diversity. Members of the community will be brought together to mark events such as Africa Day, World Refugee Day, Eid etc. 	€100,000
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6	Show Racism the Red Card	Show Racism the Red Card school activities programme – Duration: 12 months	Dublin	Nationwide	Show the Racism the Red Card will deliver a programme of activities in schools that aims to tackle racism and promote integration. The programme of activities involves: - Provision of anti - racism education workshops in primary, post - primary schools, Youthreach programmes and youth services nationwide. - Coordination of activities such as the SRTRC Creative Competition, Wear Red Day and FARE fortnight (Football Against Racism in Europe) all of which give young people the opportunity to take action and demonstrate that they are opposed to racism and support a culture of inclusion.	€100,000
7	Business in the Community	Rise - Refugee Integration, Skills and Employability – Duration: 36 months	Dublin	Dublin	Rise is a new training programme that is specifically designed to support refugees to understand, appreciate and integrate successfully into Irish society and to facilitate language acquisition. The goal is to help participants progress to education or employment as these are key pathways to integration. Rise also aims to increase mutual understanding between the host country and immigrants, combat racism and xenophobia, provide multiple supports for accessing services or learning about the political system and promote integration in the workplace. Rise will cater for vulnerable refugees living in Dublin and the surrounding areas two days per week.	€150,000

8	Third Age	Third Age - Failte Isteach – Duration: 36 months	Meath	Nationwide	<p>Fáilte Isteach is a nationwide project that involves training local volunteers to become English language tutors who then deliver free English language tuition to local migrants. Fáilte Isteach encourages the participation of older volunteers to promote intergeneration, and to recognise the volunteer's skills and contributions to their community.</p> <p>The English classes bring migrant communities and Irish locals together, thus encouraging integration, and they provide practical supports such as understanding Irish ways and customs to support with official government forms and agencies. Classes are available to all, ranging from beginner to advanced and a student centred approach is adopted in order to tailor focus on the needs of the student and to increase confidence and esteem.</p>	€300,000
9	South East Community Training and Education Centre	The ELI Project (English Language for Immigrants) – Duration: 12 months	Wexford	Wexford (Focus on Wexford Town and Enniscorthy Town)	<p>This project will work with up to 60 immigrants who have recently settled in Ireland and help them acquire language skills to enable the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Integrate in to their community - Engage with services - Access information (media, radio, newspapers etc.) - Access employment - Engage in local activities and with local voluntary organisations. - Participate and understand local cultural activities and events 	€30,000

10	Fingal County Council	Promoting Integration and Social Cohesion In Fingal – Duration: 12 months	Dublin	Tyrrelstown, Mulhuddart, Balbriggan	<p>This project consists of four distinct elements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fingal Integration and Social Cohesion Strategy - Youth Integration Project - Fingal Ethnic Network (FEN) - Tyrrelstown Integration Forum <p>The overarching driver of the project will be to build effective connecting and delivery mechanisms at local community level. There will be a strong emphasis on community based approaches to integration, working with children, teens, young adults and families to address barriers to integration and build intercultural relationships at the core of a cohesive community.</p>	€50,000
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11	Localise Youth & Community Service Ltd.	Volunteering For All - A Localise mainstream integration schools/community programme – Duration: 36 months	Dublin	Greater Dublin Region, Limerick, Tipperary, Meath and Cork	<p>Volunteering For All aims to tackle racism and xenophobia by providing structured programmes directly to schools nationwide that engages students from all backgrounds and nationalities in community service projects. Young people can come together to tackle prejudice by promoting cooperation, understanding, mutual respect and community spirit.</p> <p>Students and members of the community can engage in the programme in one of three ways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 10 Week Challenge: Learning programme that enables young people to work together as a team and deliver a community service action project in their local community. - Service Days: A four week programme which is run with schools and youth community groups that focuses on specific local community transformations through one day service events. - Workshop: Two 2 hour workshops run with schools or community groups where they interactively explore volunteering and diversity. 	€300,000
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12	DCU	DCU - Strengthening the Practice of Intercultural Education in Primary Schools – Duration: 28 months	Dublin	Nationwide	<p>This project aims to promote and support the positive integration of migrants within Irish Primary Schools through effective intercultural education for all children. Specifically the project will strengthen the competence and confidence of 135 teachers at primary level to integrate intercultural education in their teaching practice and wider school environment.</p> <p>Project activities will include establishing a project advisory committee, a national conference, a TeachMeet, a blended learning programme for teachers, the development of good practice guidelines and a Roundtable and launch event.</p> <p>As a result there will be increased awareness of the value of diversity and integration in Irish society and enhanced mutual understanding between host communities and migrants.</p>	€130,000
13	Cultúr Celebrating Diversity	Cultúr Migrant Integration and Anti - Racism Project – Duration: 36 months	Meath	County Meath	<p>This project aims to strengthen integration locally, provide needed support services for migrants and develop the capacity of local migrant groups to engage with decision makers and NGOs.</p> <p>The project will also explore issues of racism and develop relationships with organisations working in the area. There will be a focus on groups that are most vulnerable to racism and exclusion but also to work with the wider communities of which they are a part.</p>	€208,890

14	Mendicity Institution	Employment & Integration project – Duration: 36 months	Dublin	Dublin city	The Employment & Integration project is a targeted programme that facilitates access to legal employment for homeless, vulnerable and socially excluded migrants living in Dublin. The project provides a personalised job -seeking support plan through a number of workshops and equips participants with practical job-seeking skills and the ability to identify potential employers. All assistance is provided through a number of languages to facilitate non-English speakers.	€225,000
15	New Communities Partnership	NCP Youth "English Homework Club" – Duration: 36 months	Dublin	Dublin North inner city	NCP Youth is a project that aims to identify the challenges that migrant youth face in Ireland. The project will facilitate English Homework Clubs to migrant children in primary and secondary schools in order to allow for better integration within the school system. The programme will be delivered to select schools within Dublin North Inner City.	€117,000