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Líonra Rannpháirtíochta Phoiblí  
Chontae na Gaillimhe

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## Galway County PPN Secretariat meeting

12<sup>th</sup> January 2022 @ 7pm

Online via Microsoft Teams

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**Attendees:** Mary Mullen (RW), Carmel Crowe (SW), Mary McGann (GCC), Vincent Lyons, Dan Dowling, Aodán Mac Donnacha, Jarlath P. Canney, Tom Madden, Carmel McGrath, Patrick McHugh, Martina Finn.

**Apologies:** Martin Ward, Nives Stack.

**Agenda:**

1. Welcomes.
2. Proposal of minutes.
3. PPN updates.
4. 2 Reps for Refugee Resettlement Programme & Migrant Integration Strategy to be approved
5. National PPN 2020 Annual Report.
6. Workplan for 2022.
7. Training opportunities for members.
8. AOB

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### 1. Welcomes.

Everyone was welcomed to the meeting and apologies from Martin Ward and Nives Stack noted.

### 2. Proposal of minutes.

Minutes from previous secretariat meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2021 (circulated beforehand) proposed by Jarlath P. Canney and seconded by Tom Madden.

### 3. PPN updates.

Mary Mullen gave an overview of upcoming PPN activities;

- Galway Disability Forum's plans to assess public buildings, raise awareness of accessibility issues. ACTION: set up meeting with Mary McGann and GDF to link in and discuss announced funding etc.
- Website to be updated and new features added such as an events/ activities directory so the PPN website can serve as a one-stop shop for all community information. ACTION: Set meeting with WesternWebs to discuss progress.
- SEAI Energy Master Plan, the GRWG and PPN are working to get the application submitted. ACTION: Link in with mentors for assistance.
- EU ROCET programme (details circulated prior to meeting) Group not fully satisfied with information provided need for clarification on the programme. ACTION: contact the programme for more information.

### 4. 2 Reps for Refugee Resettlement Programme & Migrant Integration Strategy to be approved

The PPN sought nominations for the Interagency group for Refugee Resettlement Programme & Migrant Integration Strategy in early December. Two nominations were received and their applications circulated to secretariat prior to meeting. The secretariat formally approved both nominations and deemed Frank Kamara Owusu and Flutura Rrebani elected as PPN reps.

**Action:** Mary Mullen to email Frank Kamara Owusu and Flutura Rrebani to notify them and Mary McGann to send invitation on for the first meeting of the interagency group.

### 5. National PPN 2020 Annual Report.

Vincent noted the national PPN annual report for 2020 and it's findings. Attendance was an issue in Galway County PPN, due to Covid-19 meetings had to move online and this was initially an issue. If a rep misses 3 consecutive meetings without notifying a member of staff, the reps position will have to be discussed.

### 6. Workplan 2022.

Draft workplan was circulated to secretariat prior to meeting. Some more things to be added, such as : website upgrades, Grúpa Gaeilge work with OPT's, PPN Booklet, Address full council, build and strengthen linkage groups, Community Vision for well being statement. ACTION: Final draft of workplan 2022 will be circulated along with the MOU and SLA.

## **7. Training opportunities for members.**

This item was not discussed and a copy of suggested trainings will be circulated with minutes.

## **9. AOB**

Mary McGann spoke of the challenge of engaging with isolated older people and how can we creatively reach the most vulnerable and isolated in our society. Local radio programmes can be beneficial in reaching older people.

**Meeting ended:** 8:30pm

**Next meeting date:** 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2022 @ 7pm [ONLINE via Teams]