

Dublin City Integration Forum

TERMS OF REFERENCE

Aim:

Dublin City Integration Forum shall strive towards, integration, equality, social inclusion and civic participation for new communities.

Objectives:

- Create a common a voice of new communities to influence policy in the local government and advocate on issue that affect them
- Open a space for information exchange between the local government and new communities
- Provide information to new communities in relation to issues that affect them
- Network between all the new communities in the DCC area
- Engage in the area of integration, antiracism, equality and social inclusion
- Collaborate with other existing Forums in Dublin region
- Work with national and international organisations
- Promote representation at the local government level

Membership: Right and Obligations

I. Full Membership

- Full members must live and/or work in DCC area or their organisation must be based there
- Full member should be a representative of an established community group
- Full member has a right to vote
- Full member can hold an executive role
- Full member can be elected as a representative on various committees in the Local Government and other external bodies on behalf of DCIF
- Full member is obliged to be up to date with their responsibilities
- Full member should participate in all meetings or alternatively point out a representative in the event of his/her absence
- Recalcitrant behaviour or repeated absence from activities of DCIF can warrant suspension or dismissal of a member

II. Associate Membership

- Associate member can be an individual interested in the activities of DCIF and willing to contribute to the Forum. Associate membership can be granted to

individual for specific reasons i.e. skill sets, supports and value adding to activities etc

- Associate member will not have a vote but can propose a candidate
- Associate member can participate as an observer during election but contributes to discussions and activities implementation
- Supporting membership is also open to institutions, businesses, schools and colleges

III. Honorary Membership:

Just as the associate member, honorary membership is bestowed on individual, institution or organisations that has supported integration works of DCIF and relevant stakeholders in the city and still interested in being part of work in the area in Dublin city

- Honorary member contribute to the running of the forum (i.e. philanthropies, politicians, academics, businesses etc)
- Honorary member cannot vote
- Honorary member shall not represent the Forum or speak on its behalf
- Honorary member can participate in the activities of the Forum

The executive committee and officers

- The executive shall consist of four officers: Chairperson, vice-Chairperson, Secretary, vice-Secretary and Treasurer
- Executive committee members should be elected taking into account: gender balance and variety of ethnic backgrounds and nationalities
- Current Chairperson until the launch: Reginald Okoflex Inya
- NCP is currently the secretariat and coordination of DCIF.

Meetings

- Meetings will be held every month until the October or thereabout launch of DCIF
- After the launch, the frequency of meetings will be reviewed again and appointment of officers and committee will commence.