

## Terms of Reference

### South Dublin Migrant Integration Forum

**Aim:**

To provide a forum for representatives of the New Communities in South Dublin to collaborate, network and be a common voice of the communities towards achieving social inclusion, integration and participation in the decision making process.

**Objectives:**

- To act as a gender balanced representative voice for New Communities to influence policy in SDCC.
- To disseminate information to migrant communities
- To provide a space to improve communication and foster respect for all
- To provide a chance for people from different backgrounds to sit and talk together.
- To provide SDCC with New Community's points of view, experiences and resources to help them to promote community cohesion, respect and understanding for cultural diversity
- To facilitate diversity within the area as a resource rather than a problem
- To provide a space where officials from SDCC can present topics of interest and update New Communities on developments in South Dublin.
- The SDMIF will work with SDCC towards promoting and showcasing diverse cultures within the South Dublin area
- The SDMIF will help foster integration with the local Irish community
- To provide links between member communities
- To create opportunities for participation in the decision making process

**.The Benefits of a South Dublin Migrant Integration Forum in South Dublin County**

The activity of the South Dublin Migrant Integration Forum will:

- Equal access to information and resources within the county
- Promote integration through participation
- Foster Community Relationships
- Provide a space for communities to communicate their concerns
- Work towards recognition as an active agent of social transformation and change
- Enable networking between Communities Groups within South Dublin
- Build Bridges across Communities
- Provide information and feedback to and from the Communities to the County Council
- Constitute a common voice and be representation of Migrant Communities in South Dublin on various levels

### **Membership**

1. Members must live in South Dublin County
2. Members should be representatives of an established community group
3. Associate membership can be granted to representatives of organizations who do not live in South Dublin County, or have no members identified as South Dublin County residents, on the following conditions:  
They will have 12 months to identify a member who lives in South Dublin County or their membership will be revoked;  
As associate members they will have a limited capacity to vote and participate in local authority councils.
4. There will be no age limits or academic qualifications for membership
5. If a member is unable to attend a meeting, they can send a representative in their place who does not reside in South Dublin as their temporary representative on the forum for that meeting.

### **Each nominee should be:**

Membership in the forum should be two ways, members need to report to the forum what is going in the community and also report to the community what the forum agrees upon and discusses.

### **Chairing of New Communities Forum:**

Issah Huesini, New Communities Partnership

### **Venue for, and Frequency of, Meetings:**

- South Dublin County Council, Headquarters, Tallaght
- The first Wednesday of every month
- Time: 10.00 am
- No meetings will be held on Friday;
- Schedule of meetings to be prepared in advance.

**Terms of Reference Agreed:**