



Meeting of Higher Education Institutions and Department of Rural and Community Development on Social Enterprise MINUTES OF MEETING

Venue: 5th Floor Conference Room, Trinity Point, 10-11 Leinster Street South, Dublin 2

Date: 09/10/2019

Time: 11:00 – 12:50

IN ATTENDANCE

- Deiric O'Broin DCU
- Caroline McMullan DCU
- Caroline Cooke Foroige
- Ivan Mc Phillips GMIT
- Jessica Fuller IADT
- Roisin McGlone IT Sligo
- Marie Taylor Limerick IT
- Emma McEvoy NUI Maynooth
- Sheila Cannon TCD
- Thomas Cooney TU Dublin
- Ziene Mottiar TU Dublin
- Briga Hynes UL
- Felicity Kelliher Waterford IT
- Andrew Forde Department of Rural and Community Development (DRCD)
- Richard Gavin Department of Rural and Community Development (DRCD)
- Helle Jogi Department of Rural and Community Development (DRCD)

APOLOGIES

- Maeve McCardle Dundalk IT
- Aoife Prendergast Limerick IT
- Olive McCarthy UCC
- Oonagh Breen UCD

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| AGENDA ITEMS DISCUSSED |
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Welcome/ Introduction/ Tour de Table and Overview of National SE Policy 2019-2022

A. Forde commenced the meeting with greeting and welcoming all the participants, and that it was an important day for social enterprise in Ireland and the first step in implementing one of the key measures in the policy.

He continued with the presentation providing an overview of how the first National Social Enterprise Policy came about, describing the policy development process and explaining the objectives and measures laid out in the Policy.

1) SE Policy Implementation – Quarter 4 Activities and Priorities

The presentation was followed by R. Gavin who focused on implementation of the policy giving an overview of developments up to Q4 2019, highlighting the following:

- SE Training and Mentoring Pilot Scheme
- SE Small Capital Grants Scheme
- IRC SE Impact Fellowship Programme
- SE Implementation Group
- National Conference
- Meeting with Higher Education Institutions

Overview of HEI Teaching/ Research Activities on Social Enterprise

The meeting continued with all participants taking an opportunity to inform attendees on the research, teaching, collaborations and other activities in the field of social enterprise and social entrepreneurship in each HEI represented at the meeting. A brief presentation was also provided by Foróige on its NTFE programme.

Irish Research Council Government of Ireland Postdoctoral ‘Impact’ Fellowship in Social Enterprise 2020

A. Forde outlined the IRC Fellowship Programme, pointing out it was a tremendous opportunity to address a gap in literature regarding impact measurement of social enterprise in Ireland, both in terms of establish metrics and as a qualitative process. Participants were encouraged to give it serious consideration.

ADDITIONAL POINTS RAISED AT MEETING

The following points were made:

- In the broader context of awareness raising, it is imperative to also define what “social enterprise” is not.
- To carry out an auditing/ mapping exercise on each HEI activities in the area of social enterprise and social entrepreneurship, using an agreed template.
- Department to ensure Enterprise Ireland is engaged and involved in supporting social enterprises.
- Awareness raising among LEOs.
- Develop SE Scholarship.
- To further research manifestation of gender differences in the context of starting up social enterprises and in the context of types of social enterprises founded.

- To consider specific training for women involved in social enterprises.
- A social enterprise conference hosted by HEIs

AGREED ACTIONS

- Participants to provide max. 2-page narrative outlining what is happening in their own institutions regarding social enterprise.
- As agreed at meeting, participants' email addresses will be circulated to all to facilitate establishing contacts and further networking.
- Minutes of the meeting will be circulated to all.
- Participants will be advised of the next meeting to take place in early 2020.

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Time: 12:50 p.m.