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Introduction

As we reflect on 2013, we see another productive year for NCP, one which NCP achieved and progressed with our strategic objectives, as set out in this report.

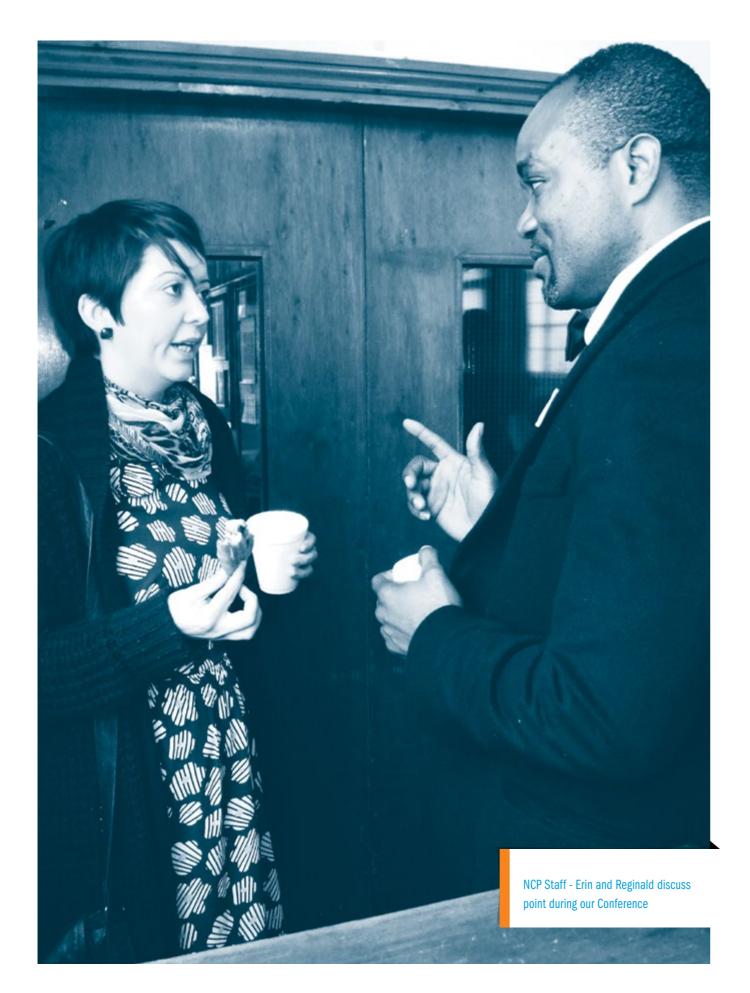
> NCP's Citizenship Application Support Service (CASS) significantly expanded in 2013. CASS opened a new full-time drop-in centre in Dublin and established 3 new outreach clinics in Citizen Information Centres in Dublin. 2013 also saw the creation of our new Migrant Family Support Service (MFSS), a confidential service delivering support and advocacy services to migrant families, who are experiencing child protection interventions. Our working relations with the four local authorities in Dublin were ongoing in 2013. This includes working together on the European Intercultural **Cities Conference and the EUROCITIES Mentoring Project on Integration.** However, NCP also faced challenges in 2013 as we continued to seek support to deliver on pressing problems facing ethnic minorities. We witnessed the reduction of small grants to ethnic-led organizations. This reduction led to the closure of many organizations and, as a result, caused an increased reliance on the resources of NCP.

the backbone of our work. work and commitment in 2013.

Issah Huseini **CEO, New Communities Partnership.**

NCP's telephone information lines, website, and drop-in clinics around the country all provided support and information to thousands of immigrants in 2013. The number of people accessing our services increased dramatically and we would like to pay tribute to all of our staff, volunteers and interns who have worked hard under significant pressure to provide high quality services and support. Their enthusiasm, energy and dedication is

I would finally like to thank our Chairperson and the Board for their hard



Ensure the Representation and Participation at all Levels in Order to Influence a Positive Change in **Policies that Impact on the Lives** of Ethnic Minorities in Ireland

OBJECTIVE 1 – 2013





To ensure continued engagement of new communities and their organizations -New Communities Partnership (NCP) organized and facilitated the participation of ethnic minorities, including the delivery of trainings and relevant support to our members and wider migrant support organizations. NCP worked in diverse areas in partnership with the following agencies and organizations in 2013 to ensure the representation and inclusion of the migrant voice locally, nationally, and at the European level:

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NCP networks	meets for a sports open day in Dun Laoghaire
Image 2,	
NCP Staff - An	ca, Reginald & Dominika at the Dáil Éireann

ireann on advocacy briefing

Image 3,

NCP Network representative during meeting in NCP

Image 4,

Volunteer Face-Painter during NCP Garden Inter-cultural Family event Fanily

Local Integration:

NCP collaborated with a variety of community organizations and agencies in 2013 through sharing of expertise and learning, facilitated referrals to relevant organizations, delivered trainings, advocacy and information. These include:

The Office for the Promotion of Migrant Integration (OPMI); Challenge of Change; Peace 111; Newry Louth County Council; Dublin City Council Social Inclusion Unit; South Dublin County Council Office for Social Inclusion; Dun Laoghaire-Rath- down County Council Social Inclusion Office; Fingal

Children & Family:

Service going forward.

Ombudsman for Children; Social Work Team Hospice Raheny, Dublin; Southern Regional Advi-HSE Dublin; HSE Mid Leinster; HSE Dublin sory Committee on Violence Against Women; and North; EU- ROCHILD; European Anti-Pover- Muslim Primary Education Board. ty Network; UNICEF; Child & Family Agency;

Community:

In order to continue facilitating the wider participation of migrants in Ireland, NCP played a key role in strategic meetings with the following agencies, organizations and departments:

Department of Social Protection (Migrant Con- Irish Development Education Association (IDEA); sultative Committee); Department of Justice and Equality; FLAC; Crosscare; NASC; Garda National Immigration Bureau; Irish Naturalisation and Im- EUROCITIES Mentoring Project and continued to migration Service (INIS); Immigrant Information Network; Equality Authority; Crosscare Migrant Project; Doras Luimní; Irish Aid; Galway Migrant Service; Immigrant Council of Ireland; Migrant Rights Centre Ireland; Women for Election; The Integration Centre; LIR Anti-Racism Training Group;

County Council Network Development Unit; Cork County Council; Cork City Integration Strategy Committee; Limerick Integration Working Group; Limerick Integration Forum; the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government; Enterprise Ireland.

NCP continued its advocacy and support work with agencies whose remit focuses on children and families. NCP remains committed to supporting children and families. Through our recent research into children in state care we will continue this work through our new Migrant Family Support

NCP worked with the following services on children and family issues:

Service Users Committee; Temple St. Hospital; Family Support Network; One Family; St Francis

Acts of Compassion; the European Network Against Racism; International Organisation for Migration; work with other migrant-led organizations.

Other interventions in the community saw us work with the following organizations and agencies:

Community Foundation of Ireland; Cairde; Canal Communities Partnership; Crosscare; Dublin Inner City Network (Dublin Inner City Alliance); ICRG – Local Employment Service; European Anti-Poverty Network; DCU in the Community; Learning Shed; FAI Intercultural Advisory Group; GAA National Social Inclusion Committee; GAA Integration Committee Cork; Irish Branch of the European Network Against Racism (INAR); Partas; and Tosach.

JANUARY-DECEMBER

Migrant Representation in New Local Authority Structures

NCP is engaging with local government reform and has established contact with each of the ten 'Frontrunner' local authorities - Cork County Council, Dublin City Council, Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council, Galway, Leitrim, Limerick City, Mayo, Offaly, Roscommon, and South Dublin with a view to ensure that new structures enable and assist migrant participation and representation.

Collaboration with Dublin's Local Authorities

NCP continued the working relationship with the four local authorities in Dublin in 2013, including the following projects; The European Integration Fund's projects, The European Intercultural Cities Conference in Dublin, which formed part of the Irish EU Presidency, and the EUROCITIES ImpeMentoring Project on Integration with the partner city of Rotterdam and many others.

Co-ordinates Six Integration Forums

NCP continue the mentoring, support and resourcing of six NCP Integration Forums in Dublin City, Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown, South Dublin, Fingal, Cork and Limerick. In 2013, NCP facilitated a total of 34 Integration Forums meetings.

Supporting the Dublin City Integration Forum

The Dublin City Integration Forum (DCIF), which was established in 2012, held 6 precluding management meetings and trainings in 2013. DCIF has assumed the coordination role of the Intercultural Working Group (IWG) of the Dublin City Community Forum (DCCF), through which it has nominated a representative to the Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) in Dublin City.

The majority of members of the DCIF consist of NCP members. NCP supports the Forum by providing the use of our premises on 53 Upper Dorset Street for member groups. Groups can avail of mentoring and support with grant applications in addition to the use of NCP's office facilities including access to computers, internet, phone and stationery.

Launch Of "A Practical Guide To Assisting Integration For Local Authorities"

NCP's publication 'A Practical Guide to Assisting Integration for Local Authorities' was launched by MEP Emer Costello on Monday 19th August 2013. The publication was developed from the joint work of NCP and the four local authorities of the Dublin region over three years. The handbook was distributed to local authorities nationally as a template to promote and strengthen strategies for integration and ethnic diversity.

Established Migrant Family Support Service

NCP established a Migrant Family Support Service (MFSS) in October 2013. This involved securing funding from the Community Foundation of Ireland, coordinating the recruitment process for a National Coordinator, and commencing the delivery of a new culturally sensitive support service for vulnerable migrant families in Dublin and Cork, who are experiencing child protection interventions or whose children are in foster care.

Ncp Youth Represent Ireland In Italy

NCP Youth represented Ireland in Cisternino, Italy, in a European youth radio programme project 'Raise Your Voice' in December 2013. They presented and produced a radio programme on contemporary Ireland alongside 30 other young documentary makers. The aim of the 'Raise Your Voice' programme is to use media to build the relations and conflict resolutions between countries.

Empowerment and training session with young people Image 2,

NCP Proud women leaders were welcomed to Áras an Uachtaráin for a time with Irish President!

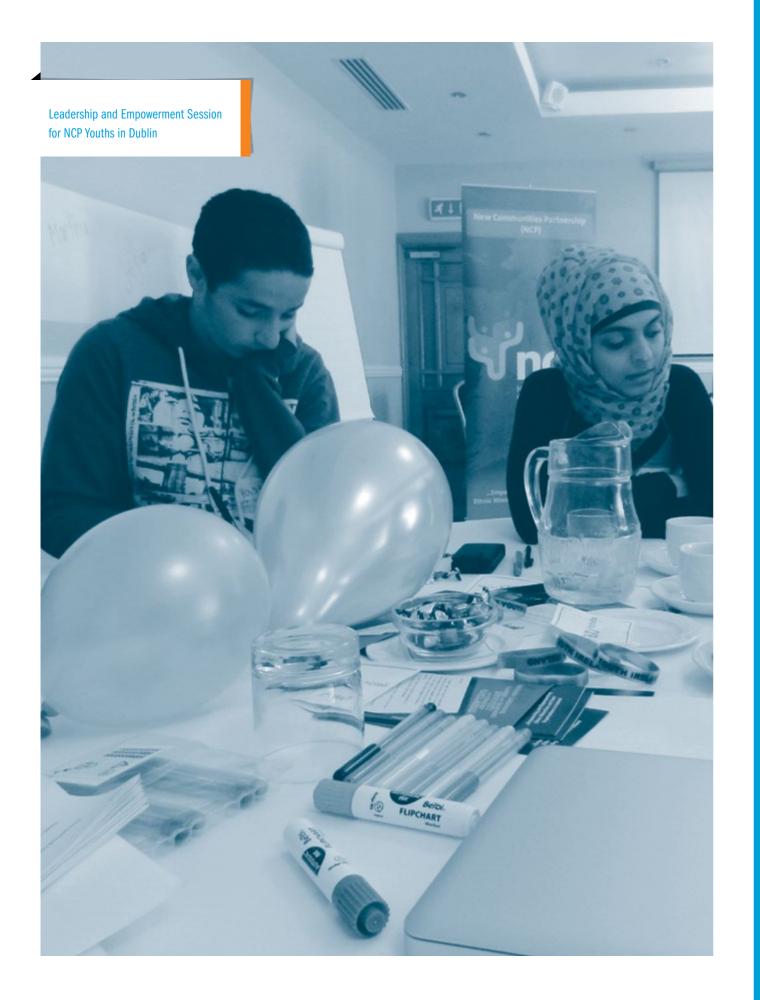
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Image 1,

NCP Network members during sports open day - Tennis in Shankill.







OBJECTIVE 2- 2013 Deliver Training to Enhance the Capacity and Leadership Development of Ethnic Minorities

JANUARY

Free Homework and Language Support Programme

NCP provides a vital Free Homework and Language Support Programme which supports migrant children to achieve academic excellence. This project is coordinated by NCP Youth and uses volunteer teachers to deliver one-on-one contact language support to migrant children in Dublin and Cork schools. This project has earned NCP membership to the SIRIUS Network.

English Language Training for the **Romanian Community**

NCP, in partnership with the VEC, provide twice weekly English language lessons for unemployed Romanian adult learners. This programme runs January - June 2013.

Effective Committee and Management Skills

NCP hosted a workshop on "Effective Committee and Management Skills" for Third Country Nationals in Dublin City Integration Forum.

Effective Participation Training: Part 1

NCP hosted training seminar on "Effective Participation" for Third County Nationals in Dublin, through integration forums i.e. Dublin City Integration Forum.

English Language Training for Muslim Women

NCP, in partnership with the VEC, organized English language training for Muslim women in Dublin. This programme runs from January to June 2013.

FEBRUARY

Diversity and Integration

NCP delivered a 'Diversity and Integration' training workshop for senior management, county councillors and third country nationals in Dublin City Council, South Dublin County Council, Fingal County Council and Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council.

Effective Participation Training: Part 2

NCP hosted the second part of a training seminar on 'Effective Participation' for Third County Nationals in Dublin City Integration Forum.

Cross Cultural Communication

NCP delivered training in "Cross Cultural Communication" to Intercultural Liaison Officers in South County Dublin.

Leadership Skills Training for Part 1

NCP delivered training in 'Leadership Skills' to Intercultural Liaison Volunteers in Dublin County Council.



MARCH

Grant Making & Fundraising Workshop for Ethnic **Minority Communities** NCP hosted a Grant Making and Fundraising Workshop for Ethnic Minority Communities in Dundalk.

Leadership Skills Training for Intercultural Liaison Volunteers: Part 2

NCP delivered the second part of the training programme in 'Leadership Skills' to Intercultural Liaison Volunteers in Dublin County Council.

MAY

standing Local Government

NCP delivered training on "Effective Participation and Understanding Local Government" to ethnic minorities in Dublin.

Career Pathways Training

NCP provide a Train the Trainer accredited 'Career Pathways Training Programme' for ethnic minority career development facilitators. This programme is targeted at ethnic minority youth leaders, women's support workers and religious leaders.

Peace III Challenge for Change: "Understanding the Irish Educational System"

NCP conducted two seminars on "Understanding the Irish Educational System" to ethnic minority parents and students in Drogheda and Dundalk

JUNE

Social Enterprise Advanced Diploma

NCP provided a Social Enterprise Advanced Diploma for unemployed migrants in Limerick

Rising Up' Active Citizenship Programme in Cork NCP Cork delivered a 12 week programme

'Rising Up' for migrant women to promote active citizenship.

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NCP launches our coordinated Dublin Region integration through local authority best practice book

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SEPTEMBER

Fraining Cross Border Migrant Leaders on Setting up Migrant

NCP delivered training on 'Forming a Migrant Integration Forum' to Polish, Afghan, Cuban, Latvian, Togolese, Nigerian and Pakistan cross-border community groups from Louth and Co. Down, in partnership with Newry Mourne District and Louth County Council. This training included four key areas; Communication Skills, Grant Applications, Advocacy and Group Management. The final area, group management, was held at NCP's head office and participants were invited to meet NCP's group leaders to share knowledge and experiences.

NOVEMBER

Fraining Volunteer Information Providers in Supporting Migrant Citizenship Applications

NCP's Citizenship Application Support Services (CASS) coordinates training programmes on the Irish citizenship application process for information providers and volunteers working in migrant support and advocacy through the Citizen's Information Centres and nationally.

Enterprise and Employment Infornation Day for New Communities n Dublin Inner City

NCP, in partnership with Dublin City Enterprise Board, MicroFinance Ireland and Inner City Enterprise Services (ICEs), delivered a one day information seminar for self-employed, company start-ups and potential entrepreneurs. This seminar included one-to-one mentoring sessions with participants.

Civic Participation Migrant Voter Fraining Programme

In preparation for the elections in May 2014, NCP hosted a one day 'Train the Trainer' programme, in partnership with the Vincentian Partnership for Social Justice, on the Irish electoral system and voter registration to ethnic community leaders in Dublin city centre. MEP Emer Costello attends to assist in giving migrants an understanding on local and European Election processes. Throughout the seminar, voter registration was provided to all interested members of the public by the Dublin City Council franchise section.



OBJECTIVE 3 - 2013 Promote Effective Integration & Social Inclusion Initiatives at Local, Regional and National Levels

Local Integration Forums

NCP supported a total of five local authority forums in 2013:

- Cork County Integration Network Dublin City Integration Forum
- Fingal Ethnic Network
- South Dublin Migrant Integration Forum.
- Dun Laoghaire Rathdown Ethnic Minority Integration Forum

NCP also supports the Limerick NCP Forum. A total of 175 ethnic minority groups drawn from faith communities. women's networks, youth networks, arts, sports and ethnic led community support groups are facilitated by NCP to participate in the network of forums nationally.

JANUARY

Intercultural Liaison **Volunteers Meeting**

NCP coordinated the Intercultural Liaison Volunteers Meeting for third country nationals living in local authority housing estates in Dublin City Council, South Dublin County Council, Dun-Laoghaire- Rathdown County Council and Fingal County Council.

NCP Youth's Free Homework & Language Support Programme NCP Youth Ireland coordinates a Homework Support Programme which helps children from migrant backgrounds who have specific challenges working through the English language, and is delivered by gualified (volunteer) primary and secondary school teachers.

FEBRUARY

English Language Learning

NCP Cork commences free English language classes for beginners, and intermediate adult learners of English.

ICP Youth Ireland gain membership to SIRIUS

Supported NCP Youth Ireland's affiliate groups in Cork. Dublin and Limerick to achieve membership of Sirius, the European Network on the education of children and young people with a migrant background.

Local Authority Decision Making and Migrant Inclusion

NCP coordinated the Cork County Integration Network (CCIN) forum on "Local Authority Decision Making and Migrant Inclusion".

MARCH

Integration and

Inclusion Workshop

NCP coordinated a workshop on Integration and Social Inclusion for Senior Management and County Councillors in South Dublin County Council.

Start Your Own

Business Workshop NCP Cork hosted a 'Start Your Own Business' workshop in Cork for ethnic minority entrepreneurs.

APRIL

Mental Health Issues

NCP Cork hosted a Mental Health seminar to guide migrant community members who are interested in understanding more about mental health

Consultation on Gardaí **Diversity Strategy**

NCP coordinated our members' representation for Gardaí Consultation on Gardaí Diversity Strategy.

GAA Social Inclusion Committee

NCP represented ethnic minority interests at the GAA Social Inclusion Committee in Croke Park.



MAY

CV and Interview Skills Workshop NCP Cork conducted a 'CV and interview skills' workshop for ethnic minorities.

JUNE

Organized Seminar "Integrating Ethnic Youth into Dublin Local Authority Development Programs' NCP Youth Ireland hosted a two day migrant youth-led development seminar to thirty youth leaders from the four Dublin Local Authorities - Saturday 29th June & Saturday 6th July 2013.

Coordinated Intercultural Liaison Volunteers Network Seminar

Intercultural Liaison Volunteers, who mediate between residents to improve inter-community relations at housing estate level in Cork, Limerick, Fingal, South County Dublin and Dublin City Councils, hold a peer learning network seminar on Monday 17th June 2013.

Be Happy' Young People's Mental Health Programme

NCP Youth Ireland, in conjunction with Headstrong, conduct a seminar on 'Be Happy' - A young people's Mental Health Programme aimed at young people from migrant youth backgrounds.

JULY

President of Ireland acknowledges **NCP's Contribution**

The important work that NCP, and our member organizations, continue to do earned us a special visit to the Irish President, Michael D. Higgins, who requested a meeting with the Migrant Writers Association as a result of the publication of their poetry anthology in 2012.

SEPTEMBER

Published Research Report Between Worlds: Issues for Ethnic Minority'

NCP published research report "Between Worlds: Issues for Ethnic Minority Youth" on issues facing children and youth from diverse minority backgrounds living in Ireland.

ICP Cork Free Adult English

NCP Cork re-opened free English language classes for beginners, and intermediate adult learners of English. The programme runs September - December 2013.

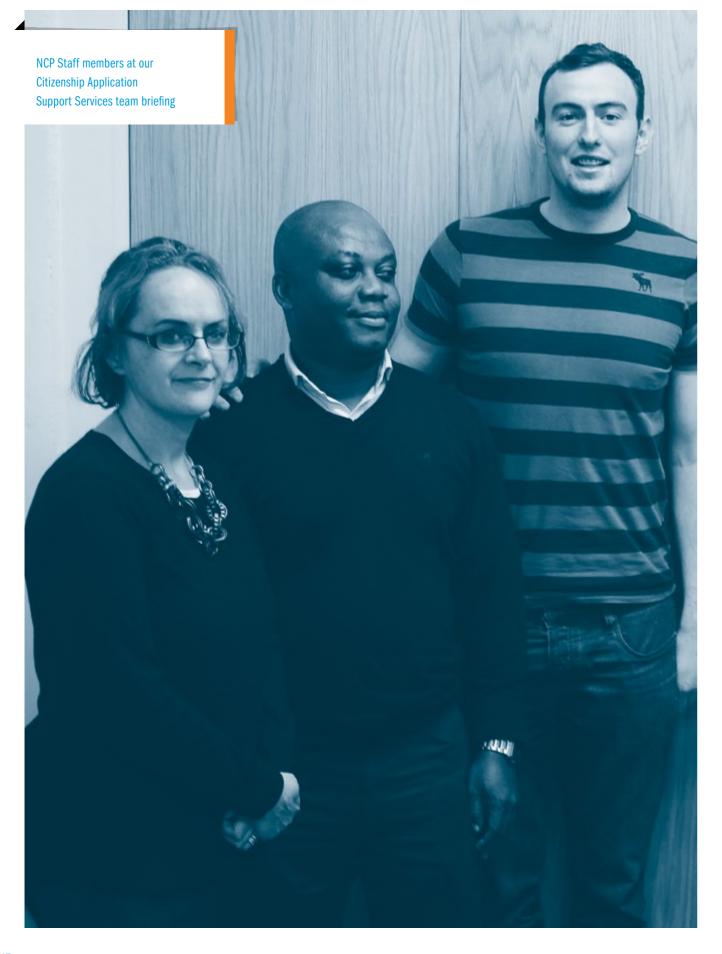
NOVEMBER

Cultural Competency Training for the GAA

NCP Cork conducted a 'Cultural Competency Training' workshop for the GAA in Cork.

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Strategic Partners of NCP in action with network members during training



OBJECTIVE 4 - 2013 Promote Awareness of and Improve Access to Services in the Local Community through Information Provision & Advocacy

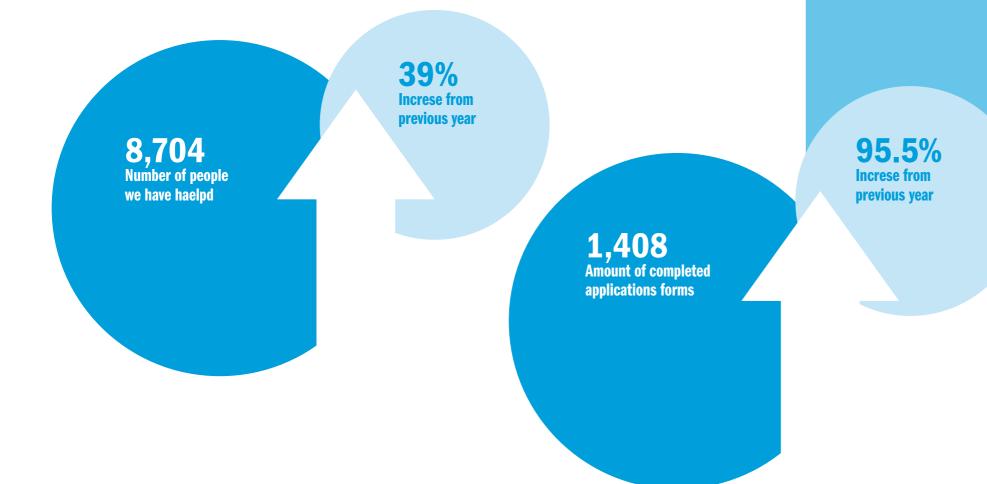
Citizen Application Support Service (CASS) - Nationwide

The Citizenship Application Support Service (CASS) was launched by NCP in March 2011 in recognition of the need to promote greater understanding of the citizenship application process among information providers and migrant communities, in particular third-country nationals with low levels of English literacy. The service is operated nationally from the New Communities Partnership Dublin and Cork offices through a series of nationwide drop-in-centres, an on-line helpdesk and a dedicated telephone help-line.

In 2013, the Citizenship Application Support Service added 3 new citizenship advice clinics:

- Tallaght Citizen's Information Centre, Dublin 24
- Blanchardstown Citizen's Information Centre, Dublin 15
- Carmelite Community Centre, Dublin 2

Our CASS volunteer advisors and staff enabled 8,704 individuals in 2013 to access free advice in a local CASS centre or through the telephone information line or online help desk. This figure marked an increase of 39% on 2012's figure of 6,244 individuals. CASS staff and volunteers supported individuals and families to submit 1,408 completed application forms, which marks another significant increase of 95.5% on 2012's figure of 720. Citizenship Application Support Service Resource Pack published for Information Providers.



35,974 website visits

23,000 caller contacted NCP

4,222 telephone queries

2,870 on-line newsletters a month

COMMUNICATION telephone helpline.

In 2013, NCP records 35,974 website visits. Information on citizenship applications, news updates, frequently asked questions, English language training and job information are the most visited content.

The NCP on-line newsletter is distributed to 2,870 individuals on a monthly basis. In 2013, 23,000 callers overall contacted NCP in person or via our telephone lines in Cork and Dublin, which is a 32% increase on the 17.450 callers in 2012.

Out of 23,000 callers, 4,222 were telephone gueries, which marks a 57% increase on the 2,688 phone calls received in 2012. NCP provides office space facilities for all member groups. Training rooms and meeting rooms are available to member groups during the week, at evenings and at weekends. Staff also support individuals to address issues arising from racism; discrimination, unemployment, housing and accommodation and access to public services.

NCP's Citizenship Application Support Service developed the Citizenship Application Support Service Resource Pack on the Irish citizenship application process, to assist CIC information providers, Family Resource Centres, Community and Voluntary organizations and state agencies who support migrants applying for Irish citizenship.

CASS has established itself as a quality support programme. Through working in conjunction with the Citizenship Division in the Department of Justice and Equality, in the three years since the establishment of the service, CASS has played a vital role in reducing the processing time for citizenship applications from 3 years to less than 6 months.

New Communities Partnership supports the delivery of information through on-line, drop-in and



Outreach Services

Outreach services for hard to reach migrants take place on a monthly basis in places of worship, accommodation centres, and ethnic-led community gatherings.

In relation to education and training, NCP continue through outreach, to support the Islamic Foundation of Ireland and the Romanian Community of Ireland to support their members to access English language classes. NCP also conducted outreach with various schools and groups in Dublin and Cork in order to provide information, increase participation and promote NCP Youth's Homework & Language Support Programme.

In the development of NCP's Migrant Family Support Service (MFSS), outreach was conducted in various accommodation centres to establish areas where targeted support is needed.

Outreach was also conducted with the lvory Coast Community to promote an understanding of Irish structure and local government.

Language Training

NCP, with the support of the VEC, offer free adult English language programmes to ethnic minority communities in Dublin and in Cork.

NCP Youth coordinates a Free Homework & Language Support Programme for children from migrant backgrounds in Dublin. Language support is provided by qualified volunteer primary school teachers.



Research

Citizenship Application Support Service Resource Pack In July 2013, NCP launched a comprehensive guide for those applying for Irish citizenship.

Between Worlds: Issues for Ethnic Minority Youth

NCP published a research report, "Between Worlds: Issues for Ethnic Minority Youth", on issues facing children and youth from diverse minority backgrounds living in Ireland.

A Practical Guide to Integration for Local Authorities

This publication is a guide for local authorities arising from the lessons learned over the course of the project 'Promoting Civic Participation of Third Country Nationals through Local Authority Platforms' (2010-2013).

Child Protection Interventions: Perceptions, Experiences & Needs of New Communities in Ireland

NCP conducted a scoping exercise on the chal- Research Report into the practices of Professional agency (HSE) in relation to taking migrant children into care. NCP lobbied the Department of Children and Youth Affairs and solicited support from the This research, funded by Dublin City Council and Community Foundation of Ireland to start a service in Dublin to support migrant families experiencing alleviating the barriers and providing necessary child protection interventions.

support for migrant artists. NCP formed part of lenges faced by ethnic minorities and the state Artists from Immigrant, New Communities & the steering group involved in this research and Traveller Backgrounds facilitated participation with migrant artists in Ireland, who helped inform the discussion. South Dublin County Council, explored ways of

Research into Accessing Third-Level Education for Children of non-EU migrants

Following on from NCP's research into the Irish Born Child Administrative Scheme for Immigrant Residency 2005 (IBC/05) which examined the impact on the families of status holders seven years on, NCP highlighted that access to third-level education for children of non-EU migrants. In this regard, NCP supported The Migrant Rights Centre of Ireland (MRCI) to push this issue to successful completion.



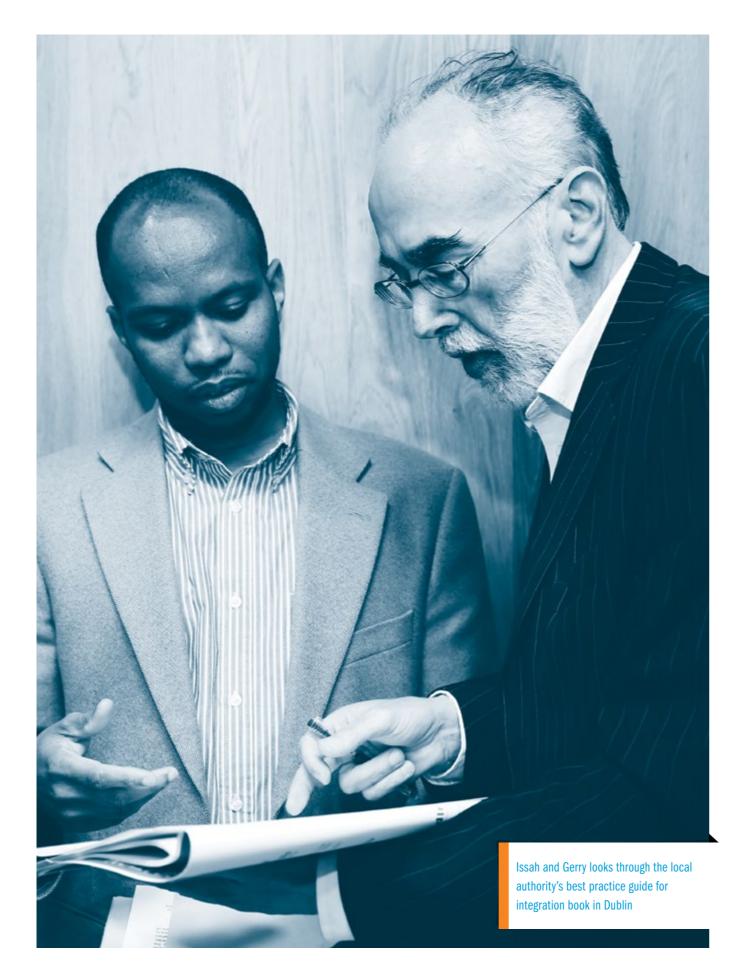


Image 1,

Members of Dublin City Integration Forum and Confirmation of their management team in Dublin

Image 2.

NCP Staff during a one- to one support session



OBJECTIVE 5 – 2013 Develop and Sustain Strategies to Increase the Economic Integration of Ethnic Minorities

Enterprise & Employment Seminars for Ethnic Minorities

NCP delivered three 'Enterprise & Employment' seminars in Dublin, Limerick & Cork, providing networking, mentoring and seed finance opportunities for ethnic minority entrepreneurs.

Submissions to the Department of Jobs, Enterprise & Innovation

NCP, on behalf of migrant SME's, made a submission in February 2013 to the Department of Jobs, Enterprise & Innovation's 'Consultation Process on the Reform of the National Micro and Small Business Support Infrastructure'. In June 2013, NCP, on behalf of migrant social entrepreneurs, made a submission in to the Department of Jobs, Enterprise & Innovation's "Consultation: A National Entrepreneurship Policy Statement for Ireland 2013".

Grant Making & Fundraising Workshop

NCP provided a Grant Making and Fundraising Workshop for ethnic minority community organizations in Louth/Meath.

Cycle-It Social Enterprise

NCP's new social enterprise project, Cycle-It, was established in October 2013. This project aims to support a Youth Vocational Training Centre to train young migrant jobseekers in bicycle repair, maintenance, language proficiency and IT.

IT Support Network for Ethnic Minority IT Professionals

NCP continued to mentor and resource IT Support Network Ireland. The networking and training forum for IT savvy and intending professionals, who want to network and up-skill in ICT. Trainings delivered to IT Support Network included a workshop and Job Fare from the Google Support Team (July 2013) and an IT Summer Camp for Migrant Children (August 2013).

New Communities's Delegates pay a courtesy visit to the Irish President Michael D. Higgins

Career Pathways Training Programme

NCP provided a Train the Trainer accredited 'Career Pathways Training Programme' for ethnic minority career development facilitators, youth leaders and women's support workers and religious leaders.

Social Enterprise Advanced Diploma

NCP provided a seminar in Limerick regarding accessing an Advanced Diploma in Social Enterprise. The seminar was aimed at unemployed men and women in Limerick.

Enterprise and Employment Support

NCP developed programmes with relevant partners including Innercity Enterprise Support (ICE), Dublin City Enterprise Board (DCEB) and Microfinance Ireland (MFI). Support included Enterprise Workshops and one-to-one mentoring provided to ethnic entrepreneurs and small start-ups.











Image 1,

NCP Youths engage in a facilitated strategic planning session for 2014

Image 2,

Strategic Partners of NCP in action with network members during training

Image 3

Focus group discussion and seeking grassroots opinion for policy submissions and representation in Dublin

Image 4

The Official Launch of Migrant Voter Project in Mansion House, with all partners and NCP represented

NCP SERVICES 2013

Citizenship Application Support Service

The Citizenship Application Support Service (CASS) is a free information and support service in recognition of the need to promote greater understanding of the citizenship application process amongst immigrants. Free drop-in clinics run from Monday – Friday in Dublin and Cork. In 2013, Citizenship Application Support Service clinics provided free drop-in clinics Monday – Friday in Blanchardstown CIC, Carmelite Community Centre, Clondalkin CIC, Dundrum CIC, Dun Laoghaire CIC, Lucan CIC, O'Connell Street CIC and Tallaght CIC. The service was also provided at NCP offices on Shandon Street, Cork and Lower Gardiner Street, Dublin 1.

Free Homework Support

NCP offers free English language classes and English course homework support groups, which are delivered by qualified primary and secondary school teachers. This programme, supports English language learning, and assists children from migrant backgrounds who have specific challenges working through the English language.

Intercultural Liaison Volunteers

Intercultural Liaison Volunteers (ILV's) are a liaison/ link person between communities and local authorities. Their role is to assist service users and service providers from different cultural backgrounds to work together and engage in conflict resolution procedures.

IT Support Network Ireland

IT Professionals Support Net Initiative is a networking and training forum for IT savvy and intending professionals who want to network and upskill in Information and Communication Technology.

Migrant Family Support Service

The Migrant Family Support Service delivers culturally sensitive supports and advocacy services to migrant families who are experiencing child protection interventions. The service offers practical advice and support to migrant families, foster families and social workers. The service also works with existing child protective services, and child support services, to promote the common goal of positive outcomes for migrant families.

NCP Youth

NCP Youth Ireland is a youth platform facilitated by New Communities Partnership to articulate the needs of young migrants and youth with migrant backgrounds in Ireland. NCP Youth supports migrant youth engagement in community, education and social initiatives through youth group activities. NCP Youth also supports young migrants to participate in local, regional, national and international youth groups platforms.

EM-Cubate

EM-Cubate is Ireland's first ethnic-minority business incubation programme. The programme guides entrepreneurs and potential entrepreneurs in Ireland through training seminars, mentoring, IT supports and one-to-one professional advice. Through NCP's partnership with Ballymun Whitehall Area Partnership (BWAP) and Dublin City Council, this programme facilitates Irish-based ethnic minorities into self-employment. EM-Cubate supports entrepreneurs to develop more formalised business ideas, delivers a Write your Own Business Programme, facilitates the completion of business plans, aids individuals into the start-up phases through one-to-one supports and offers support to those seeking office/ business space and virtual business facilities.

Support to Ethnic Community Groups

NCP provides office space facilities for all member groups. Training rooms and meeting rooms at 53 Upper Dorset Street are available to member groups during the week, at evenings and at weekends. Groups can avail of mentoring and support with grant applications in addition to the use of NCP's office facilities, including access to computers, internet, phone and stationery. Staff also support individuals to address issues arising from racism; discrimination, unemployment, housing and accommodation and access to public services.

Migrant Writers & Performing Artists Ireland

The Migrant Writers and Performing Artists Ireland group serves as a creative platform for bringing together migrant artists who are living in Ireland. The group enables artists and performers to contribute meaningfully to modern Irish arts in a positive way.



Image

Events, Training and Conferences play vital roles in the work we do. Here delegates from Irish Indian Group sing in for our event in Dublin

NCP Publications and Support Resources

A comprehensive directory of over 175 migrant organizations and support groups in Dublin. This publications aims to enhance support services delivery, integration and the engagement of migrants with relevant stakeholders.



Citizenship Application Support Service Resource Pack

In July 2013, NCP launched a comprehensive guide This publication is a guide for Local Authorities of New Communities in Ireland to those applying for Irish citizenship. This resource pack assists CIC information providers, Family Resource Centers, Community and Voluntary organizations and state agencies who support migrants applying for Irish citizenship.



A Practical Guide to Integration for **Local Authorities**

arising from the lessons learned over the course of the project 'Promoting Civic Participation of Third Country Nationals through Local Authority Platforms' (2010-2013). The handbook was distributed to local authorities nationally as a template for local authorities to promote and strengthen strategies for integration and ethnic diversity.



Child Protection Interventions: Perceptions, Experiences & Needs

NCP conducted a scoping exercise on the challenges faced by ethnic minorities and the state agency (HSE) in relation to taking migrant children into care. NCP lobbied the Department of Children and Youth Affairs and solicited support from the Community Foundation of Ireland to start a service in Dublin City Centre to support migrant families experiencing child protection interventions.

Research Report into the practices of Professional Artists from Immigrant, Directory of Migrant Organizations New Communities and Traveller Backgrounds

This research, funded by Dublin City Council and South Dublin County Council, explored ways of NCP launched a directory of migrant led organizaalleviating the barriers and providing necessary support for migrant artists. NCP formed part of the steering group involved in this research and facilitated participation with migrant artists in Ireland, who helped inform the discussion.







& Support Groups in Dublin



NCP PUBLICATIONS 2013

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NCP STAFF & INTERNS 2013

NCP co-ordinates migrant integration forums in partnership with South Dublin County Council, Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council, Dublin City Council, Fingal County Council and Cork County Council. In addition, NCP co-ordinates Limerick City Integration Forum.

Migrant Networks 2013

- Dublin City Integration
- Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown Ethnic Minority Integration Forum
- Fingal Ethnic Network
- South Dublin Migrant Integration Forum
- Cork County Integration Network
- Limerick City Integration Forum
- NCP Women's Space
- NCP Youth

Dublin City Integration Forum

- 1 Dublin Latvian Choir
- 2 Congo Ireland Business Exchange (CIBEX)
- 3 Hindu Cultural Centre of Ireland (Dublin)
- 4 Ibn Badis Cultural Organization (Dublin)
- **5** Association of Oromo Community in Ireland (AOCI)
- 6 Diaspora Women's Initiative (DWI) (Dublin)
- 7 Afro Irish Kiddeos Club
- 8 Bangladesh-Ireland Development Organisation (Dublin)
- 9 Migrant Writers and Performing Artists in Ireland
- **10** Roma Integration Association (Dublin) ssociation of Oromo Community in Ireland(Dublin)
- **11** Centre for Addiction Counselling
- **12** Co-operative Support Services for Ethnic Minorities (Dublin)
- **13** Moroccan Sahara Development Association (Dublin and Westmeath)
- 14 santeman Association (Dublin)
- **15** Miss Ghana (Dublin)
- **16** (FOSIS) Ireland (Dublin)
- 17 Kurdish Association of Ireland
- **18** Integration of All Children in Ireland (IACI) (Dublin)
- **19** Hofann Globan Initiative
- 20 Irish Community Empowerment Group (Dublin)
- 21 Kurdish-Irish Society

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- 22 Brong Ahafo Ne Anuanom-kuo (Dublin)
- **23** Togolese Community in Ireland (CTI)

- 24 Somali Community in Ireland (Dublin)25 Manyu Elements Cultural Organisation
- (Dublin)
- 26 Armenian Church and Community of Ireland (ACCI)
- 27 Congolese Community (Dublin)
- 28 Association of Moroccans in Ireland (AMI) (Dublin)
- **29** Algerian Community Ireland (Dublin)
- **30** "Shika" Burundi Drumming (Dublin)
- **31** Darfur Solidarity Group in Ireland (Dublin)
- 32 Cultural Fusion Youth Club (Dublin)33 Nigerian Association Network Ireland
- (NANI) (Dublin)
- **34** Gambia Association Ireland
- **35** Dublin Cross Cultural Club
- **36** Africa Union Ireland
- 37 Association of Malawians in Ireland (Dublin)
- 38 House of Rock Ministry39 Guinean Association in Ireland
- 40 Afro Nights
- 41 Angola United Association in Ireland (Dublin)
- **42** Noor Cultural Community Centre
- 43 IGBO Union (Ohaneze) (Dublin)
- 44 BEARNA Youth
- 45 Bini Community Ireland (Dublin)
- **46** North West Women of Substance Association
- 47 Romanian Community of Ireland (RCI) Dublin
- 48 Kosa Airsoft Club
- 49 Africa Change Initiative (Dublin)
- **50** Selam Ye Ethiopia (Hello Ethiopian Children)
- 51 Slovak Centre Ireland (Dublin)
- 52 Dance Expo Ltd
- **53** Boarder Integration (Monaghan)
- 54 Southside Chinese Resident Association (Dublin)
- 55 Afghan Community of Ireland (Dublin)
- 56 Cameroon Association Ireland (Dublin)
- **57** Africa Caribbean Forum (Kildare)
- 58 Congo Lisanga (Dublin)
- 59 Zimbabwean Heritage Trust (Dublin)

Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown Ethnic Minority Integration Forum

- 1 Dun Laoghaire Rathdown Muslim Women's Group
- 2 Hindu Cultural Centre Ireland (Dun Laoghaire Rathdown)
- 3 Ibn Badis Cultural Organisation
- 4 Moroccan Association of Ireland
- **5** The Integration Centre
- 6 Meca Ireland
- 7 Polish Association
- 8 Latin American Natives Community in Ireland (LANCI)
- 9 Zimbabwe Heritage Trust (Dun Laoghaire)
- **10** Association of Spanish Parents in Ireland
- **11** Congolese Anti-Poverty Network (Dun Laoghaire/Rathdown)
- **12** Islamic Cultural Centre, Ireland
- 13 Irish Indian Cultural Association

*Note that groups may have membership in more than one Forum. Groups and communities of interest may be located in one area but may also have members living in other areas of the city and country.

Fingal Ethnic Network, Dublin

- **1** Shalom Ventures
- 2 Latvian Association for Latvians in Ireland
- 3 Anambra State Association Ireland
- 4 Zimbabwe Heritage Trust (Fingal)
- **5** Romanian Community (Fingal)
- 6 Face of Africa in Ireland
- 7 Insaka-Ireland
- 8 African Union Ireland
- 9 Slovak Centre Ireland
- **10** Angola United (AVAI)
- **11** Guinean Association (Fingal)
- **12** Congo Lisanga (Fingal)
- **13** Congo Ireland Business Exchange (CIBEX)
- **14** Al-Mustafa Islamic Cultural Centre
- 15 Association of Ogun Indigens -AOSII (Dublin)

NCP MEMBERS 2013

- **16** African Women Group
- **17** Egbe Omo Yoruba
- **18** Hindu Cultural Centre Ireland (Fingal)

South Dublin Migrant Integration Forum

- 1 Clondalkin Intercultural Centre
- 2 Tallaght Drop-in-Centre
- **3** HADANKAI
- 4 Education Now Centre for Slovak Children in Ireland
- 5 Association of Oromo Community in Ireland (South Dublin)
- 6 Hindu Cultural Centre (South Dublin)
- 7 World Malayalee Council Ireland
- 8 Noor Cultural Community Centre
- 9 Migrant Writers and Performing Artists in Ireland (South Dublin)
- **10** Ahmadiyya Muslim Association Lucan
- **11** Integration of African Children in Ireland (Sth Dublin)
- **12** Guinean Association (Sth Dublin)
- **13** Ghana Union of Ireland (South Dublin)

Cork County Integration Network

- **1** Cork African Women's Group
- 2 Latin American Natives Community in Ireland (LANCI)
- **3** Serbian Community (Cork)
- 4 Cork Nepalese Community Ireland (CNCI)
- **5** Zimbabwe Cork
- 6 IGBO Union Cork Chapter
- **7** Somali Irish Friendship Association
- 8 Association of the Ivorian Community in Cork
- **9** South African (Waterford)
- **10** Togolese Community (Cork)
- **11** Afroshow (Cork)
- **12** Muslim Foundation of Ireland (Cork)
- **13** Guinean Association Cork
- 14 Congolese Community (Cork)
- **15** Cameroon Association (Cork)
- 16 Gambia Association of Ireland
- **17** Limerick Latvian Community
- 18 Association of Ogun Indigens -AOSII (Fingal)
- **19** Anambra State Association (Cork)
- 20 Irish Ghana Business & Cultural Association (Limerick)

- 21 Angola Association (Cork)
- 22 Ghanian Friends Cork
- 23 Cork Nepalese Community Ireland

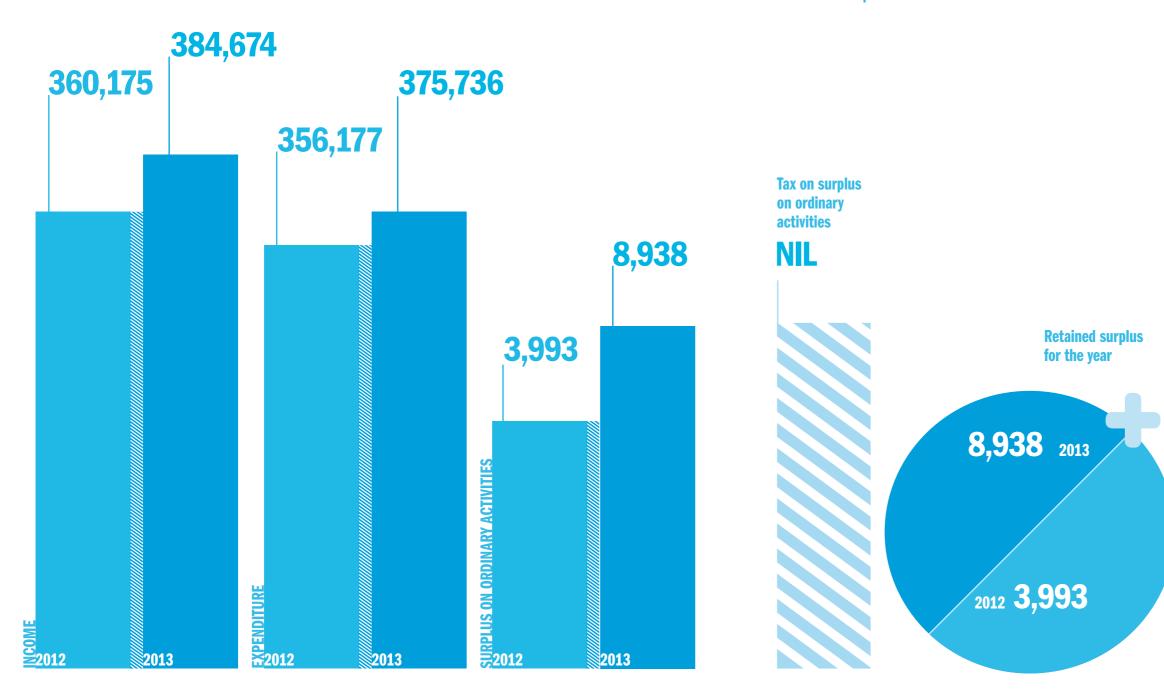
Limerick Integration Forum

- 1 World FM (Limerick)
- 2 Swazi People of Ireland (Limerick)
- 3 Irish Polish Business & Cultural Association (Limerick)
- **4** SENTTI (Special Educational Needs Teachers Training Institute) (Limerick)
- 5 Limerick Congolese Bondeko Association
- 6 Iraqi Irish Society (Limerick)
- 7 Clare Intercultural Network (Clare)
- 8 Diaspora Togo (Limerick)
 - 9 Moroccan Irish Association Limerick & Clare
 - **10** ELYKIA (Limerick Cultural & Music band)
 - **11** Rwanda Community (Limerick)
 - 12 Limerick Nepalese Community
 - **13** Association des Guineens de Limerick (Guinea Association)
 - **14** Somali Association Ireland & Limerick
 - **15** CANDA, (Congo Republic) Limerick
 - **16** Afro-Renaissance (Donegal) 17 Irish Congolese Business and Cultural
 - Association (Limerick)
 - **18** One Race Foundation (Donegal)
 - **19** AFREEK NEWS (Limerick)
 - **20** Latvian Activity Centre, Limerick
 - 21 Lady Sheila Cultural Band (Limerick)
 - 22 Latvian Activities Centre (Limerick)
 - 23 APEX 2000 (Limerick)
 - 24 Limerick Filipino Community
 - 25 Gambian Community (Limerick)
 - 26 Nigerian Women's Group (Limerick)
 - **27** Local Taxis Organisation (Galway)
 - 28 Gifted Mothers of Africa (Limerick)
 - 29 Sasse Old Boys Association (SOBA) (Limerick)
 - **30** Brazilian Women's Association (Limerick)
 - **31** SOFAD (Active Women Network for Development) (Limerick)
 - 32 Igbo Union Limerick
 - 33 United Africa (Donegal)
 - 34 Association of Cameroonian Living in Limerick and Counties (ASCALI& Co.)
 - 35 Congo Ireland (Donegal)
 - 36 Irish Congo Group of Life (Limerick)

- 37 Association Des Congolais De Galway (Congolese Galway Association)
- **38** Diaspora Echo Group/Organization (Limerick)
- 39 Irish Romanian Cultural & Business Association (Limerick)
- 40 Mid-West Indian Irish Association (Limerick)
- Oduo Foundations (Limerick) 41
- 42 Nepalese Women's Community Network (Limerick)
- 43 Junior Gardening & Environmental Project (Limerick)
- 44 Ivory Ireland (Limerick)
- Edo Union (Limerick) 45
- Diaspora Women Initiatives 46 (DWI) (Limerick)
- 47 Knockalisheen Women's Group Limerick
- 48 Bafogia Association Ireland (Letterkenny)
- GIFA, Ghana Irish Friendship Association 49 (Limerick)
- **50** Nigerian Association in Ireland (NAIL) (Limerick)

2013 FUNDERS, **INCOME & EXPENDITURES**

New Communities Partnership (NCP) Ltd (A Company Limited by Guarantee and not having a Share Capital) **Income and Expenditure Account**



The turnover and surplus relate to continuing operations as no business were acquired or disposed of in the above two financial years.

A separate statement of Total Recognised Gains or Losses is not required as there are no recognised gains or losses other than the surplus or deficit for the above two financial years.

2013 **FUNDERS**

Cork City Council

Dublin County

Dept. of Environment, Community and Local Government

Dept. of Justice and Equality

European Integration Fund (EIF)

POBAL

Community Foundation of Ireland

Other Incomes

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Limerick City Council

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