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2. Sub Committee Reports. Item 4(a) + 4(b)

1. Under & Over spend – see letter received from the PI
2. Query we had regarding one staff member's salary being included under direct and indirect salary costs – see e-mail received from PI and excerpt from the programme requirements

Items to be included in the SICAP report for the LCDC meeting 24th March

- a) Approval of End of Year Report
- b) Approval of AP Targets for 2016:
 - 4a = 70%
 - 6a = 80%
 - 9a = 60%
 - 12a = 70%
- c) Approval of Annual Plan 2016
- d) Approval for 2 no. VAT claims
(01/04/2015 to 31/08/2015 and 01/09/2015 to 31/12/2015)
- e) Ratify March payment to PI (in case you need the amount €107,320.15)
- f) Approval of Q2 payment (April to June)
- g) Approval of Q3 payment subject to Mid Year Review being successful
(July to Sept)

Following the subcommittee meeting the following documents were circulated to the LCDC members for their info (except Mary-Ann & Frank O'Brien) by e-mail on the 07/03/16

2015 End of Year review checklist
2016 Annual Appraisal checklist
Pobal feedback form on the LCDC experience with SICAP

The Pobal review form - no responses received.

3. Recommended LCDC Logo.



4. Childrens PARTICIPATION

Joe McGuinness

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Subject: DCYA CHILDREN'S PARTICIPATION HUB DATABASE - Now live
Attachments: Letter to CEOs 23 June 2015.doc; ATT00001.txt; ATT00002.htm

Dear Colleagues,

With reference to correspondence from the Department in June 2015 (see attached), please see email and relevant links from the Department of Children and Youth Affairs, for your attention.

Regards

Teresa Hopkins

Social Inclusion and Communities Unit

From: Anne_ODonnell@dcya.gov.ie [mailto:Anne_ODonnell@dcya.gov.ie]
Sent: 10 February 2016 16:06
To: Bairbre_Meaney@dcya.gov.ie
Subject: DCYA CHILDREN'S PARTICIPATION HUB DATABASE - Now live

Dear friends,

The DCYA Children's Participation Hub Database is now online. Please click on this link:
<http://www.dcy.gov.ie/Participation-Database/default.asp>

The database includes a wide range of national and international practice and research publications and articles on children and young people's participation in decision-making.

This database is the first stage of development of the Children and Young People's Participation Hub, which is one of the key actions for DCYA under the *National Strategy on Children and Young People's Participation in Decision-making (2015-2020)*.

The Hub will become the national centre for excellence on children and young people's participation in decision-making and will be fully functioning by the end of 2016.

The Hub will support implementation of the strategy through the provision of information, training and advice for Government departments and agencies and the non-statutory sector.

The database was developed on behalf of the DCYA by the Child Law Clinic, University College Cork.

We hope you find the database to be a useful resource and please share the link with colleagues and partner organisations.

Kind regards,

Anne O'Donnell

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23 June 2015

Dear Chief Executive

The first National Strategy on Children and Young People's Participation (2015-2020) was launched on 17 June 2015. All Government Departments and agencies have a role in implementing the strategy, which includes a number of actions for Local Authorities.

The strategy reiterates the fact that Comhairle na nÓg is the nationally recognised structure that enables children and young people to have a voice in local decision-making.

This Department has been in communication with the Department of Children and Youth Affairs (DCYA) and is informed that there is a need for clarity around the role of Comhairle na nÓg in the new structures established under the Local Government Reform Act 2014 and a need to ensure the involvement and participation by Comhairle na nÓg in all relevant Local Authority structures, in particular:

1. *LCDCs - Comhairle na nÓg should be involved in, or consulted by, the Local Community Development Committee (LCDC):*

The participation by relevant local structures and committees in the work of the LCDCs is set out on pg 33 of the [LCDC Operating Guidelines](#) with Comhairle na nÓg listed as one such structure. LCDCs are reminded to consider inviting officials from these bodies to attend and participate in specific LCDC meetings where it facilitates input and expertise in matters of direct relevance to the LCDCs work.

2. *The Public Participation Network (PPN):*

PPNs are being set up in all Local Authority areas. The aim of the new structures and processes is to enable community organisations to articulate a diverse range of views and interests within the local government system, and to allow a diversity of voices and interests to be facilitated and involved in the decision-making processes of the local authority.

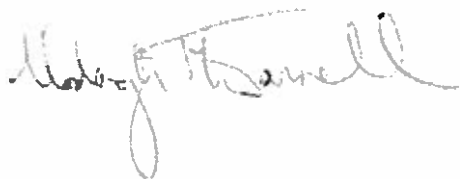
Where community representation is required on appropriate committees of the Local Authority, such as SPCs/LCDCs etc., it must be sourced through the PPN. It is open to all community and voluntary groups to join the local PPN and this includes local branches of Comhairle na nÓg.

3. *LECP - Comhairle na nÓg should be involved in the development of the Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP) and be named as the key consultative structure for children and young people:*

The general approach to consultation by LCDCs with communities, organisations and stakeholders in relation to the development of the LECP is set out in part 3 (pg 2) of the LECP Guidelines and states that the community elements of the LECP should be developed in a collaborative, consultative and participative way, affording key stakeholders the opportunity to contribute in a meaningful way. Given the composition and role of local youth councils they should be considered as a 'key stakeholder' for the purposes of highlighting young people's needs and priorities for inclusion in the LECP. LCDCs should consider establishing and formalising engagement arrangements with their local Comhairle to assist in this process.

All Local Authorities will be obliged to report on implementation of the National Strategy on Children and Young People's Participation (2015-2020), under Better Outcomes: Brighter Futures: the National Policy Framework for Children and Young People (2014-2020). There are a number of actions required of local authorities and LCDCs under this Policy Framework, and fostering close liaison between the LCDC and Comhairle na nÓg will ensure maximum benefit from Better Outcomes: Brighter Futures for communities in the local authority area.

Yours sincerely,



Clodagh McDonnell
Community Division

cc LCDC Chief Officer



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29th January 2016

Re: Low Income Workers/Households

Dear LCDC Chief Officers,

Having examined literature in the area and taking on board the significant feedback from stakeholders, **low income workers and households will be eligible for support under the SICAP programme**, effective from 1st January 2016.

The Department has listened carefully to the views of all stakeholders in relation to this matter and are mindful to ensure that people who are disadvantaged are not inadvertently denied access to SICAP services, namely people who are in work and living in a low income household. Low income households are at particular risk of poverty, with many working in unsustainable jobs and at risk of becoming unemployed. Rural LCDCs in particular have raised issues around low income farm families/smallholders (including fisheries) not being a SICAP target group. It will also mean that people who are in state employment programmes such as CE, Gateway, RSS or Tús will be eligible. In the case of young people living at home on a low income, PIs are urged to consider such situations on a case by case basis. The inclusion of this target group will be monitored at mid-term and end of year as we have to ensure that the programme remains a targeted intervention focussing only on those who are disadvantaged and susceptible to poverty.

The objective of a PI when supporting this target group could be to assist in upskilling and moving into a better quality job e.g. by accessing training courses, giving career guidance or improving CV and interview skills. It will not include giving grants and financial assistance e.g. for on-farm supports or to purchase equipment.

Next Steps

The LCDC may wish to offer Programme Implementers an opportunity to revise their SICAP Actions to engage this target group, but there is no need to amend actions if the LCDC is satisfied with them as they stand. As the 2016 Annual Plans have already been submitted, PIs will have to identify the actions they need to update and add low income workers/households as a primary or secondary target group. Please contact your Pobal Development Officer if you need further guidance.

Updated IRIS paper registration templates, Programme Requirements and the Client Registration guide will all be made available on the Pobal website early next week. These will give further guidance for PIs on the criteria and suggested definitions for this target group. Pobal will email you when these are online and send the links and attachments for each.

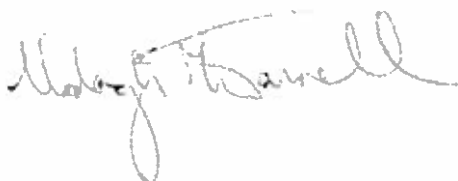


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Technical system changes are required to the IRIS system - these are scheduled to be undertaken in the next couple of weeks. Pobal will notify PIs when these changes are made. In the meantime, PIs are asked to record on the paper templates any supports offered to this new target group. I would like to thank you for your co-operation in relation to the above.

Yours Sincerely,



Clodagh McDonnell
Principal Officer

6. LDS Issues

Susan Murphy,
Louth County Council,
Dundalk,
Co. Louth

16th March 2016

Re: Feedback on Louth LDS

Dear Susan

Thank you for the submission of the Local Development Strategy (LDS) on behalf of Louth LAG.

Having reviewed the LDS, please be advised that a number of information gaps have been identified that require addressing in order to strengthen the LDS submitted. The deadline for the submission of the revised LDS with the additional information is **COB Thursday 24th March**.

Please note the feedback below on each section.

Section 1: The LAG/Governance Model

- The LDS does not adequately demonstrate the relevant experience of the LAG and LAG members, as well as LAG partner organisations to implement the strategy and manage LEADER funding. Specific examples of expertise and strategies and relevant programmes where experience of LAG members is drawn from should be provided. A table naming the LAG members and their specific relevant experience would also be useful. Further detail on the relevant experience of the implementer and financial partner should also be provided, and relevant funding programmes named where possible.

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Section 3: Participative Planning – Feedback Commentary

- Section 3.1 requires further information pertaining to the consultation events held, this should include the number and type of events, how many attended, the level of participation, who participants represented. A table(s) demonstrating the level of attendance at each event included in the Appendices would strengthen this section.

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- Description of Strategic Actions across the Action Plan are presented at a high level and do not provide a clear understanding of what the action will deliver, the type of support activities anticipated and what the action will achieve.

If you have any queries on the above please do not hesitate to contact me on 01-5117815.

Kind regards,

Susan Randles

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Development Coordinator, Social Inclusion and Equality Team

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