Newsletter

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INTEGR8tion begins…

INTEGR8 aims to develop training materials and resources which will build onto the developed skills of migrant women so that they can be leaders of integration in their communities.

We want to design and deliver training materials that are practical and relevant to the needs of migrant women in our local communities, so that they can act as a bridge between migrant communities and host communities. We aim to empower these migrant women so that they can in-turn empower others; helping other migrant women to feel more accepted and integrated into their host communities, to access basic services and to learn about their rights and entitlements in their host countries.

Working in partnership with local migrant support agencies, education providers, migrant women's networks and migrant women individually, project partners will develop a suite of training materials and will deliver this training locally between now and when the project comes to an end in December 2018.

Throughout January and February 2017, the INTEGR8 project team took part in a research study where they completed a literature review of the current supports available for migrant women in their countries and identified successful projects which involved migrant women in social, cultural and education and training programmes. Partners wanted to learn from the best practices of other organisations working with migrant women to see what worked best and if there were lessons learned which could be adapted for the INTEGR8 project.

During this time, we also completed a series of interviews with migrant women and migrant support agencies to identify their specific needs which the INTEGR8 training materials should address. In total, through this research phase, project partners interviewed 64 migrant women from 35 different countries, and 27 migrant support agencies. Learning Unlimited has produced a Summary Research Report which condenses the key findings from this research process and is available for download from the project website: www.integrateproject.eu.

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Meet the Team!

The INTEGR8 project is led by Meath Partnership and is promoted by a consortium of seven organisations from across Europe with vast experience of working directly with local migrant communities.:

- ❖ Ireland - Meath Partnership
- ❖ Cyprus - CARDET
- ❖ Portugal - ISQ Formação
- ❖ Romania - University of Pitesti
- ❖ UK - Learning Unlimited
- ❖ Italy - FormAzione Co&So Network
- ❖ Austria - Jugend am Werk

What's next?

The project team have just completed the second transnational partner meeting which was held in Pitesti at the beginning of April 2017.

At this meeting, partners split into working groups to reflect on the findings from the research phase and to begin the development work of the INTEGR8 training programmes; the Migrant Integration Expert programme for migrant women and the Train-the-Trainer programme for migrant support agencies.

Partners will work together between now and July 2017 to develop a first draft of these training programmes.

During this period, project partners will also work to establish their local working groups.

These groups will be composed of migrant women and migrant support workers.

Their role will be to support the project as it develops, such as through giving suggestions and feedback on training materials and the online learning portal.

To learn more about the INTEGR8 project or to join a local working group, please email your local partner at: info@learningunlimited.co, or call us on 020-7911-5562.

To keep up to date with our project, visit our website:

www.integrateproject.eu