

Migrant women reaching out

Integr8 project, UK



Stakeholder and celebration event

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Programme



- **Welcome:** Karen Dudley/Foufou Savitzky (LU)
Caroline Morgan (European Commission)
- **Project overview**
- **Pop up presentations 1:** Integr8 participants/stakeholders
- **Small group discussions**
- **Coffee/networking/displays (11.30)**
- **Pop up presentations 2:** Integr8 participants/stakeholders
- **Small group discussions**
- **Plenary/Final Q&A**
- **Progression/certificates (12.45)**
- **Celebration/Lunch/Networking/Displays (12.30)**

The Integr8 project



Aims:

To train and support migrant women to:

- become champions of integration in their communities
- develop their confidence and skills
- link members of their community with mainstream services
- participate more in their local communities

Partners: Austria, Cyprus, Italy, Portugal, of Ireland, Romania and the UK

Local Working Groups:

Project activity in each country supported by a Local Working Group



The Integr8 project – an overview



RESEARCH: Partners undertook research in each country and used their findings to help with the development of the project

TRAINING THE TRAINERS: Partners developed a ‘*Train the trainer (TtT)*’ course for migrant support workers and rolled out the training in each country. 10 TtTs were trained in the UK.

TRAINING MIGRANT WOMEN: Partners developed a ‘*Migrant Integration Expert (MiE)*’ training course for migrant women. The trained TtTs were supported to run 2 free training courses. 26 migrant women trained as MIEs in the UK.

NETWORKS, ACTIVITIES and EVENTS:

The trained migrant women have engaged and supported other migrant women through a wide range of networks, activities and events.

WORKSHOPS and **SEMINAR:** Workshops for migrant women + migrant integration seminar.



The main findings

Main barrier to integration: Language

Other barriers: Work and/or volunteering; Lack of childcare; Lack of understanding of different religious and cultural expectations; Social isolation; Accessing services; Transport.

Supporting integration: More opportunities for women to interact with people from outside their cultural/language groups

Training needs: Skills around managing challenging people and resolving conflict scored most highly. (Many women felt confident in public-speaking in their native language, communication skills, online networking and organisation skills)

Being part of Integr8: 6 / 9 confident to share their skills and experience with other migrant women within their own communities. High level of interest in being involved in MIE training

Skills and experience to share: Being new in the UK; Languages; Social skills and empathy; Local knowledge: Volunteering opportunities + A lot of suggestions in relation to supporting integration



Pop up presentations (1)



1. **Lee Yoon Teng** (LU Family learning assistant/
Integr8 MIE trainer & Local Working Group member) +
Siobhan De Jonghe (Food Surplus Project and Volunteer
Co-ordinator, Oasis Charitable Trust/Integr8 MIE trainer &
Local Working Group member)
2. **Haja Ahmed** (Integr8 project Migrant Integration Expert)
3. **Dermot Bryers** (CEO, English for Action)
4. **Marwa Belghazi** (SHP Refugee Resettlement Service)
5. **Barbara Wilson** (co-chair Lambeth Citizens)

Small group discussions (1)



In small groups at your tables, based on your experience and what you have heard so far, discuss:

1. **What are the key barriers and strategies to overcome them in engaging migrant women in their local communities?**
2. **What are the immediate and longer term social benefits of migrant women's contributions to their communities?**
3. **How can this be supported going forward?**



Recommendations:

1. Migrant women already have a huge range of skills, knowledge, experience and ideas which they are ready and willing to share, to develop, use to support other migrant women to help strengthen local communities.
2. Speaking and understanding the host country's language is fundamental for integration.
3. Having friends, feeling a sense of belonging, knowing your neighbours, feeling safe and getting support all have a significant impact on supporting integration and reducing isolation, fear and depression.



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Pop up presentations (2)

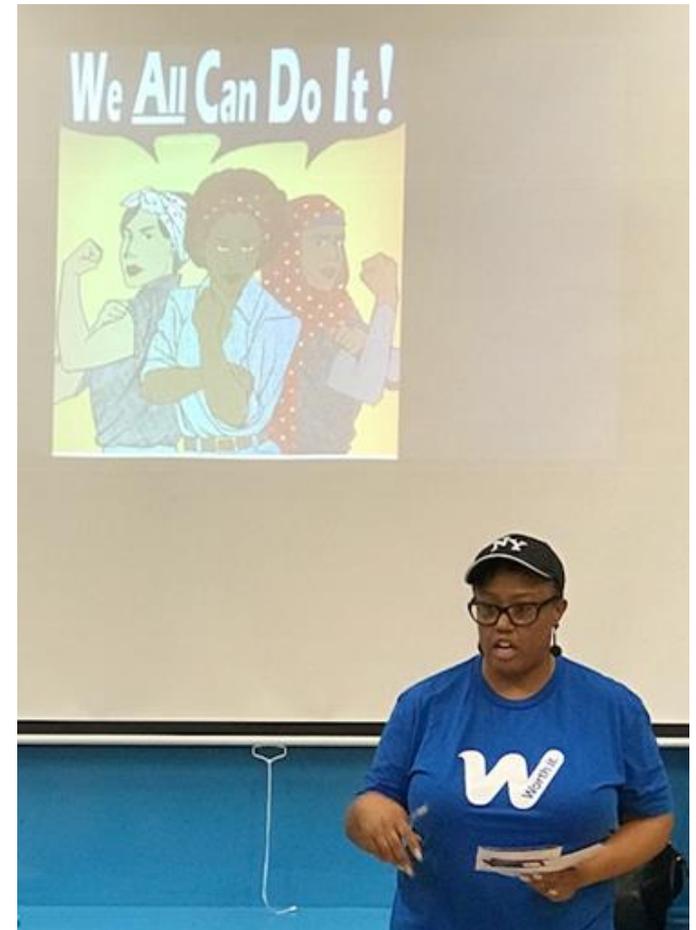


1. **Dustine Davies** (Information Advice and Guidance Advisor, Wandsworth Lifelong Learning/Integr8 project trainer & Local Working Group member)
2. **Isabel Allende** (Women`s Project Coordinator, CARAS/ Integr8 project MIE trainer & Local Working Group member)
3. **Mallory Carlson** (Senior Project Support—Resettlement and Integration, IOM)
4. **Hibo Wadere**, (FGM consultant & policy advisor/ Integr8 Local Working Group member) video message

Small group discussions (2)



- At your tables, divide into groups of 4-5 people
- Each table to discuss one case study
- Agree the main points to share with everyone



What next?



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- <http://integrateproject.eu/en/>

Progression opportunities

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- V&A ESOL project



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Celebration!



Well done and thank you to:

- the Integr8 project TtT trainers
- Migrant Integration Experts (MIEs)
- the Local Working Group
- Foufou Savitzky (lead trainer)
- the project team

