

## FURTHER EDUCATION AND TRAINING

# Transnational Cooperation Activity (TCA): Thematic Seminar



In November 2019, NCGE FET Guidance enjoyed collaboration with the Irish National Agency - Léargas, in organising a Transnational Cooperation Activity (TCA). TCAs are events arranged by National Agencies to encourage collaboration and sharing of best practice within Erasmus+.

### Meaningful Guidance for Adults and Young People.

### Developing and Managing Career Resilience in Adult and Vocational Education and Training.

Dublin, Ireland | 6-8 November 2019

This activity was organised within the sub-theme of 'the significant challenges for Guidance Counsellors in supporting adults in managing 'career security' in an insecure world'

Over the three days, Guidance practitioners from 11 countries came together in Dublin. Expertly facilitated by Paul Guest, NCGE FET staff worked closely with Léargas colleagues Denise Shannon and Elva Duggan to ensure that the (almost) 40 participants had the opportunity to get to know each other, to hear about Guidance developments across the regions, share expertise and to begin building partnerships with a view to meeting pan European challenges.

NCGE and Léargas were very pleased by the high level of interest in the event.

Discussions focused on

- the challenges in delivering useful Guidance supports for adults,
- considerations for the provision of equity of service to migrants
- better addressing the challenges for young adults in managing career instability
- supporting career resilience
- the integration of technological support to enhance access to education
- training and employment for persons with disabilities
- blended and internet technology supports to enhance the 'reach' and access to guidance support



The workshops facilitated by the four Irish guidance services / agencies were warmly received and NCGE would like to thank all workshop presenters for their hard work.

 **1. JENNIFER HUGHES and MICHELLE COLLINS**

Ballymun Job Centre

Career Construction and Career/Work Resilience Targeting those distant from Education, Training and/or the Labour Market.

 **2. NUALA KILGANNON**

Galway and Roscommon Education and Training Board

Adult Guidance, Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) and Skills Mapping: Approaches and experience of the TOBAR and Erasmus+ projects

 **3. DR. PETRA ELFTORP**

School of Education-University of Limerick


Challenges of Providing Meaningful Guidance in the Context of NEW Employment, when Employment is likely to be Piecemeal rather than Secure for Life.

 **4. ESTELLE WEBB**

Irish Association of Community Training Organisations (IACTO)

Support and innovative models of guidance for young adults, Early School Leavers (ESL's) and New Workplace Entrants (NWEs)



Sandra Cheyne of Skills Development Scotland (SDS) was keynote speaker for this event. 

An article from Sandra Cheyne concerning SDS and how the skills landscape in Scotland has changed is also featured in this issue of NCGE's Guidance Matters.

The Irish Guidance sector was well represented by staff from Adult Education Guidance Services, YR-CTC Advocates, PLC Guidance Counsellors and Guidance practitioners from across FET, and the 'wider world' of Adult & Community Education & Training.

All who attended enjoyed the three days of workshops, exercises and presentations.

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You can access more information, including presentations from the activity here

<https://www.ncge.ie/TCA/Nov2019>



More about TCA's

<http://www.leargas.ie/programmes/erasmusplus/tcas/about/>

