

Partners Training for Transformation

Spring Newsletter 2024

PARTNERS TfT THANKS TONY O'GRADY FOR ALL HE HAS GIVEN TO PARTNERS TfT OVER MORE THAN 30 YEARS

A momentous change for Partners TfT came at the end of 2023, when Tony retired from the staff after working with Partners for 31 years. A group from the Partners TfT network of friends and supporters gathered in February 2024 to say 'Míle Buíochas' and to wish him many happy years of retirement. Partners TfT just wouldn't be what it is today without his unwavering commitment and hard work on our behalf. We were delighted that his family were able to join us on the day too, to hear the high regard for Tony in the Partners family.



DATES FOR 2024 see www.trainingfortransformation.ie for dates and details. Get in touch to learn more or to book partnerst4t@gmail.com

REKINDLING THE FIRE

Designing for Engagement and Participation

Wednesday 26th June 2024

9.45 am to 4.30 pm

Kimmage Manor

CREATIVE FACILITATION AUTUMN 2024 ONLINE AND IN-PERSON

ONLINE Thurs 26 & Fri 27 September

IN-PERSON Thurs 17 & Fri 18 October
at **Kimmage Manor, Whitehall Road, D12 P5YP**

ONLINE Thurs 7 & Fri 8 November

2024

Three months into 2024, and we have been working hard on re-organising in the light of Tony's departure.

The first blended Creative Facilitation course which took place in the autumn of 2023 was very successful. The Spring 2024 course was also fully booked by the end of December, and started strongly online at the end of February. If you're interested in the next course, do get in touch. You can see the dates and all the information below and on our website.

See the next page for more news of recent work.

BALBRIGGAN INTEGRATION FORUM : DEMYSTIFYING INTEGRATION

On 13th March we facilitated a conference organised by Balbriggan Integration Forum with the theme of Demystifying Integration. There was a great turnout, and great energy in the room as people heard from Fidele Mutwarasibo (Open University UK) and Susanne Rogers (Social Justice Ireland), and all shared their own experience of integration and overcoming obstacles to integration. About thirty groups and organisations were represented. Ruth Graham recorded the conversation visually: just a hint of that here:



DUBLIN SOUTH CITY PARTNERSHIP

WORKING INTERCULTURALLY, PROMOTING INTEGRATION with partnership staff and local community groups in the area. This one day workshop took place in November 2023 at Goldenbridge, just days after the disturbing events in Dublin city centre. Those events added emotion and urgency to our work together.

CREATIVE FACILITATION SPRING 2024

Our most recent Creative facilitation course is well under way. We began online and then met in person in Kimmage for two days on 21st and 22nd March. We had a lovely sunny end to the day on Friday.



SOUTHSIDE PARTNERSHIP

BUILDING INTERCULTURAL COMMUNITIES

We were invited to work with Southside Partnership on the theme of building intercultural communities. They gathered a diverse group of community focused groups and organisations and we looked together at some of the serious challenges of integration.

CORK PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NETWORK (PPN)

Cork PPN invited us to facilitate training in group facilitation skills with members of the network. This training concluded with a final online session in November 2023.

SUNBEAM HOUSE, COUNTY WICKLOW

We travelled to Arklow for a day of Intercultural Awareness training with a group of the management team of Sunbeam House. This was organised in response to recognition of a more diverse work force and client group.

LEITRIM TRAVELLER PRIMARY HEALTHCARE TEAM

In December we travelled to Carrick-on-Shannon to work with Leitrim Traveller Primary Healthcare team on Leadership in the Community.