



National Migrant Integration Strategy 2017-2020

Presentation to CSR Stakeholder Forum

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- An office of the Department of Justice and Equality
- Policy lead on integration of migrants
 - Domestic policy
 - Migrant Integration Strategy
 - Implementing
 - Co-ordinating
 - Monitoring
 - Integration Funding Programmes
 - Research and monitoring of integration outcomes and trends
 - International policy
 - Ireland's obligations under international anti-racism instruments

Minister of State David Stanton – responsibility for Equality, Immigration and Integration





Monitoring Integration



- 17% foreign born; 12% non-Irish national
- Migrants are highly educated; but children from non-English speaking backgrounds have significantly lower reading scores at age 15
- Employment rates similar overall but very low for African migrants; also gender gap – unemployment higher among non-Irish than Irish women (9% v. 6.5%)
- Consistent poverty: Irish 7.9%; non-EU migrants 29.0%
- High rates of naturalisation – 8,196 in 2017 (most common former nationality Polish)
- Low voting rates – 5.1% on register are non-Irish (13% of voting age population)
- Muslims: >62,000 (<20,000 in 2002); 30% born in Ireland; younger / students / urban dwellers

Ireland's National Migrant Integration Strategy 2017-2020



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Framework for Government Action on Integration

- Central Government Departments
- State Agencies
- Local Authorities

76 Actions across 10 key themes:

Citizenship; Social Inclusion; Education; Employment; Health; Community; Politics; Anti-Racism; Volunteering; Sport; Cross-cutting actions.

Monitoring and Co-ordination Committee

Progress Report to Committee 18 October 2018

60 On track

4 Completed

5 with minor problems or delays

1 Not started yet

6 with one or more major difficulties





Employment and Pathways to Work

Employment Services

- Migrant engagement with jobseeker services
- Low levels of employment among African migrants
- Public sector recruitment
- Civil service diversity
- State Boards
- Local Enterprise Office support for migrant entrepreneurs

Education and Training

- Provision to meet specific migrant needs
- Focus on English language skills
- Review of ESOL provision
- Follow-on ESOL programmes
- Skills recognition (including languages skills)

Other Relevant Actions

- Encourage and support business focus on integration
 - Recruitment
 - Diversity management
 - Intercultural awareness
 - Anti-racism
- Integration mainstreaming
 - Arts and culture programmes
 - Volunteering
 - Sport
 - Youth and community programmes

Migrant Pre-activation and Employability Programmes funded by DJE



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