

Immersion Project

From Planning to Action

Towards having a good life



22nd – 26th April 2013

**The Malton Hotel,
Killarney, Co. Kerry**

Immersion



What is it?

One week of intense work to learn, listen, plan and move forward with changes happening in the disability sector

Who is involved?

People with disabilities, family members, service providers, government agencies linked to disability services and international experts who have helped to bring about change in other countries

To do what?

- To make plans that will be put into action to make sure people with disabilities and their families have 'good lives'
- To make sure money is spent in the best way possible



CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

Monday, 22nd April, 2013

10.30 – 11.15 am Registration – Tea/Coffee

PLENARY SESSION – Chairperson Christy Lynch

- 11.15 am *Mr. Brian O’ Donnell, National Federation of Voluntary Bodies*
11. 20 am **Welcome - Christy Lynch, Chairperson, National Federation of Voluntary Bodies**
- 11.30 am **“Open hearts - Open minds” - Mr. John O Brien**
- 12.10 pm **Re-imagining Personhood and Public Policy - the philosophy behind the UN Disability Convention – Prof. Gerard Quinn, NUI Galway**
- 12.35 pm **Why families want change - Ms. Avril Webster, Parent**
- 12.55 pm **Building Bridges to Inclusion - Mr. Brian Hayes & Mr Adrian Noonan, Seasamh**
- 1.10pm **LUNCH**

PLENARY SESSION – Chairperson Colette Kelleher

- 2.10 pm **Value for Money & Policy Review of Disability Services in Ireland - Ms. Ann McGrane, Department of Health**
- 2.20 pm **Disability Policy in Ireland, Ms. Cate Hartigan, HSE**
- 2.55pm **Moving from Contemplation to Implementation - Mr. Brendan Broderick, Ms. Marie Beades, Mr. Sean Bohan & Ms. Sylvia Joy-Gavin, Muiriosa Foundation**
- 3.45pm **Tea/Coffee**
- 4.10 pm **The Challenge for Irish Service Practice given Irish & International Policy on Personalised Service – Michael Kendrick**
- 5.00pm **Change Team Discussions – “Lets makes sense of today”**
- 7.30pm **Welcome Conference Dinner & DJ**

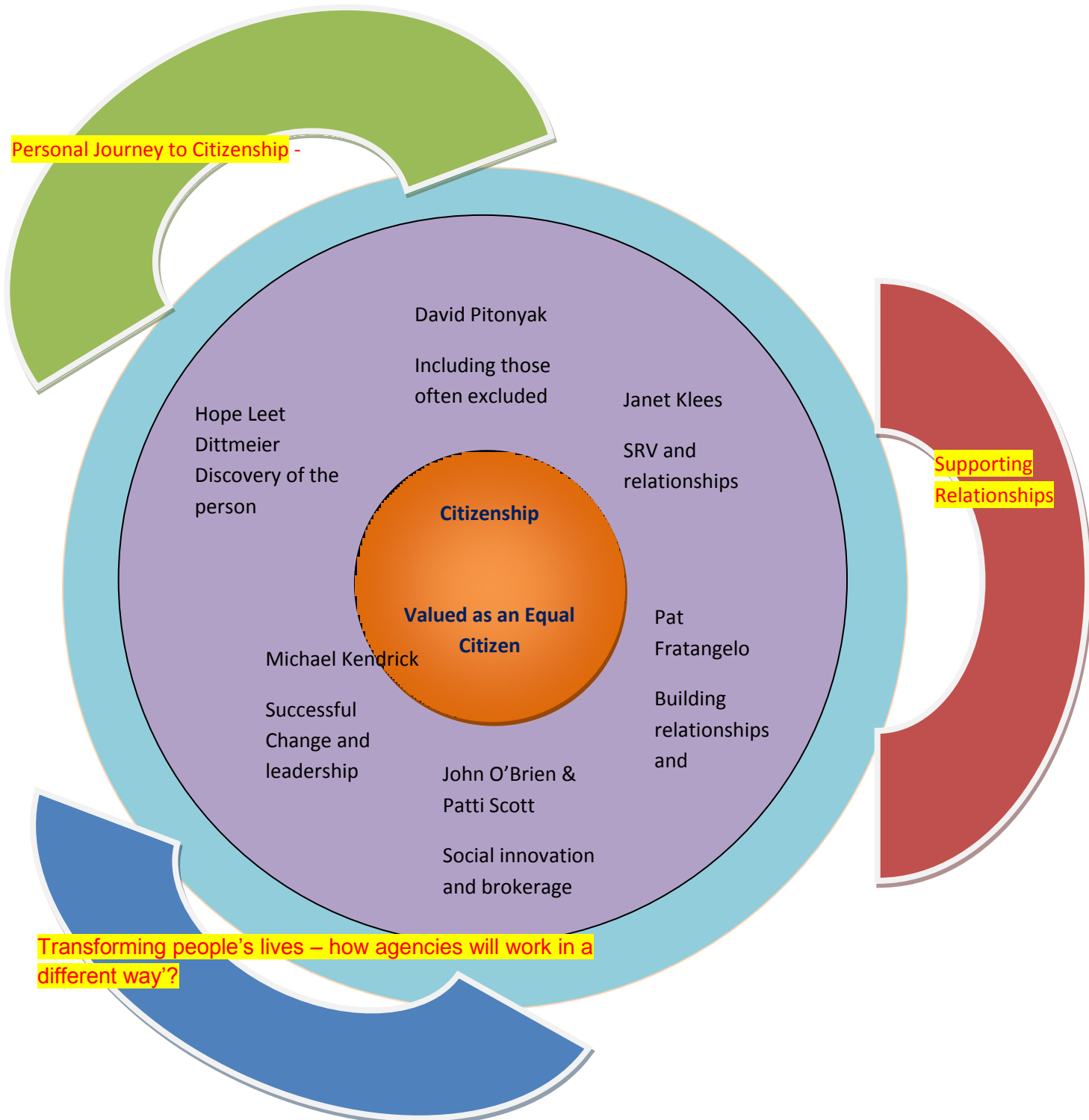
Tuesday - Thursday, 23rd - 25th April, 2013

These will be an intensive three days as each team moves through the three key themes. Taking one theme each day, groups comprising specific change teams and members of the cross-stakeholder group will work through all three themes in rotation.

Theme 1 - The Personal Journey to Citizenship

Theme 2 – Supporting Relationships / Citizenship

Theme 3 – Exploring the different dimensions of the transformation challenge.



| <u>Tuesday 23rd April –</u> | <u>Wednesday 24th April</u> | <u>Thursday 25th April</u> |
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| <p>9.00am – 10.00am PLENARY Chairperson – Maria Walls</p> <p>Western Care – <i>“An Organisation Learning and Developing Through the Lives of People it Supports”</i></p> <p>Bernard O’ Regan, Sandra Flaherty, Ann Nally, Colin Kelly</p> | <p>9.00am – 10.00am PLENARY Chairperson – Francis Coughlan</p> <p>Leap and Clan Beo – <i>“Family leadership Development in Ireland”</i></p> <p>Claire Murphy & Willie Walsh</p> | <p>9.00am – 10.00am PLENARY Chairperson – Brian O’ Donnell</p> <p>CoAction – <i>“Living a Life”</i></p> <p>Caroline Doolan, Ann O Donoghoe-Deacy, Ann Wilcox and Jean Morgan</p> |
| <p align="center"><u>WORKSHOPS: Tuesday -Wednesday – Thursday - 10 am – 1pm and from 2pm – 5pm</u></p> <p>These will be an intensive three days as each team breaks into groups and moves through three key themes. Taking one theme each day, groups comprising specific change teams and members of the cross-stakeholder group will work through all three themes in rotation. Each theme will be covered by <u>2</u> workshops.</p> | | |
| <p align="center">THEME 1 - WORKSHOP 1</p> <p>Theme 1 - The Personal Journey to Citizenship</p> <p>Discovery of the person – <i>Ms. Hope Leet Dittmeier</i></p> | <p align="center">THEME 2 - WORKSHOP 1</p> <p>Theme 2 – Supporting Relationships / Citizenship</p> <p>SRV and relationships – <i>Ms. Janet Klees</i></p> | <p align="center">THEME 3 - WORKSHOP 1</p> <p>Theme 3 – Exploring the different dimensions of the transformation challenge.</p> <p>Social Innovation & brokerage – <i>Mr. John O’Brien & Ms. Patti Scott</i></p> |
| <p align="center">THEME 1 – WORKSHOP 2</p> <p>Theme 1 - The Personal Journey to Citizenship</p> <p>Including those often excluded - <i>Mr. David Pitonyak</i></p> <p align="center">5.00 – 6.00</p> <p>Change Team Discussion - <i>“Lets make sense of today”</i></p> | <p align="center">THEME 2 - WORKSHOP 2</p> <p>Theme 2 – Supporting Relationships / Citizenship</p> <p>Building Relationships <i>Ms. Pat Fratangelo</i></p> <p align="center">5.00 – 6.00</p> <p>Change Team Discussion <i>“Lets make sense of today</i></p> | <p align="center">THEME 3 - WORKSHOP 2</p> <p>Theme 3 – Exploring the different dimensions of the transformation challenge</p> <p>Successful Change – <i>Mr. Michael Kendrick</i></p> <p align="center">5.00 – 6.00</p> <p>Change Team Discussion: <i>“Lets make sense of today”</i></p> |
| <p align="center">Evening</p> <p align="center">Tuesday 23rd April</p> <p>7.30 pm “Home thoughts from abroad” Ms. Rachel Cassin, Leap - Mangerton Suite</p> | <p align="center">Evening</p> <p align="center">Wednesday 24th April</p> <p align="center">Free Night <i>Please review Local Entertainment Leaflet attached</i></p> | <p align="center">Evening</p> <p align="center">Thursday 25th April</p> <p>7.30 pm Dinner followed by Drama from the Playback Theatre Group and Music</p> |

Friday, 26th April, 2013 – Plenary

PLENARY SESSION – Chairperson Breda Crehan Roche TBC

- 9.00am Assessing Need & Resource Allocation – Ms. *Eithne Fitzgerald, NDA*
- 9.30 am Independent Support Brokerage – The Challenges of a New Approach - *Mr. Bob McCormack, Dara Services*
- 10.00 am – 1.00 pm Developing your change strategy – the plenary will divide into two groups and move between working with *Mr. Michael Kendrick and Mr. John O'Brien*
(with coffee break at 11.00)

1.00pm LUNCH

PLENARY SESSION – Chairperson Mary Kealy

- 2.00 pm Closing Panel Discussion – What sense do we make of the week? – How can we move forward?
- ✦ Ms. Eithne Fitzgerald, NDA
 - ✦ Mr. Paul Doherty, Genio
 - ✦ Ms. Avril Webster, Parent
 - ✦ HSE Representative (TBC)
 - ✦ Mr. Brian Hayes, Self Advocate
 - ✦ Mr Adrian Noonan, Self Advocate
 - ✦ Mr. Tom Beegan, (TBC)
 - ✦ Mr. John Hannigan, Sunbeam TBC

3.30 Close of Conference

Thank you for all your hard work and participation through-out the week.
We look forward to hearing your change stories over the coming months.

Safe Home