

Introduction

A dynamic national network (Est. 2015)

A community of (emerging) practice spanning:
Urban ↔ Rural
Academic ↔ vocational ↔ volunteerism ↔ NGOs

In this diversity, it is representative of Irish identity

Almost 10 years of sustained energy and determination

Collaborative, collegiate and constellated

Respect across boundaries

Details

Visibility: Hairdressers; Meat packers; Defence Forces; Sanctuary scholars and migrants; Individuals with their own narratives
Serves the interest of society - lifelong learning; pathways and trajectories. (NFQ)

A shared enterprise
Social in its essence - Inclusive and welcoming of all stakeholders without exception – lots of conversations, F2F and online

A rich interface for policy, practice and partnerships fed by innovative thinking and openness

A volunteer team of enthusiastic professionals who are practitioners, leaders and innovators

Lessons Learned or Conclusion

- Starting points are valued (we grow our knowledge from there)
- Stealthy progress
- Make space for conversing and being together
- Great policy learning possible
- Different perceptions, starting points, experience and language
- Equity

Things to Consider

- Participation and Collaboration key
- Listening and making space
- Practitioner learning is valuable
- Who is not at the table?
- Is localized responsibility enough to benefit civic society?