

BOOST course, hosted by Creative Lives and Take A Part Carlow Éire Óg GAA Club, Carlow Tuesday 15 February 2022

This course was held as part of the Erasmus+ partnership project, BOOST, as part of O3b: testing the Practice Methods. Having been involved in some of the previous work packages of the BOOST project, the committee (Arts Action Group) of the Take A Part Carlow voluntary culture group were already quite familiar with the aims of the project. Members of the committee had tested the draft Benchmark Tool and, through this process, had started to identify several areas of interest for the group to improve the social outcomes of their work.

The key areas of focus were identified as:

- Gender and ethnicity balance of the TAPC committee
- Ability of communications to reach marginalised groups and non-native English speakers
- How the group can work in environmentally and socially responsible ways
- The diversity of the TAPC programme in terms of inclusion and acceptance
- Designing activities that are accessible to people with disabilities

The course was attended by a total of 13 people, working in two small groups. There were short introductions to the BOOST project by Creative Lives, and a history of the TAPC project by representatives of Carlow County Council. Participants also heard from a guest speaker, Andrea Dalton from the nearby St Catherine's Centre which runs many programmes for marginalised groups in Carlow.

This sharing of background information and best practice was followed by a more detailed discussion of the points raised from the use of the Benchmark Tool and a facilitated exploration of a range of practical ideas to improve the social outcomes of the activities organised by TAPC. There was a strong emphasis on listening to the local residents and allowing them to contribute to the design and decision making around activities to ensure that different requirements and interests are properly catered for in the programme. There was agreement across the group of participants about implementing some of these changes as soon as possible to allow for more inclusive approaches.



Tuesday 15th February 2022 Éire Óg GAA Club 2pm-4pm & 6pm-8pm

BOOST: Practice methods pilot course for Take A Part Carlow

Schedule:

2:00pm Welcome, signatures, introductions

2:10pm BOOST

2:15pm TAPC

- History
- Strategy
- Future

2:30pm Social Cohesion, Social Inclusion and Active Citizenship

- Definitions and examples
- Specific areas of focus

2:40pm Guest speaker: Andrea Dalton, St Catherine's Centre

Background and approach to inclusion

3:00pm Group discussions

- How did you feel when you first got involved?
- Why do you think others in the area aren't involved?
- What could TAPC do differently?

3:20pm Feedback

3:30pm Group discussions

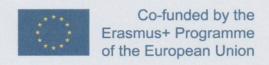
- Put yourself in someone else's shoes
- What are their barriers? What might they need?

3:45pm Feedback

3:55pm Final thoughts

What could you offer?





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