

## **INDIE Meeting**

**Tuesday 13th October 2015**

The meeting opened with a welcome to the DLR Lexicon by Senior Librarian Lisa Murphy, who gave an overview of the building design and an introduction to the wide range of services provided.

Jim Devine then introduced the agenda and welcomed speakers, noting that the INDIE meeting coincided with the DLR Festival of Inclusion. Members expressed their sympathies in the aftermath of the tragic deaths of ten members of the travelling community in nearby Carrickmines on Oct 11th.

### **Presentation: Ann Moriarty**

Ann provided an overview of her work with Terenure Enterprise Centre, focusing in particular on how the Centre became involved in setting up the Active IT Society and in the provision of a wide range of training courses targeting older persons. Courses relating to all aspects of tablet computing are in significant demand. Check out Ann's presentation [here](#):

### **Presentation: Cormac Shaw**

Cormac Shaw described the work of Southside Partnership in the wider context of how the national network of partnership organisations address training and community development needs for groups of different ages that are at risk of marginalisation. Cormac's presentation can be seen [here](#):

### **Presentation: Mike Feerick**

Mike Feerick described how the online platform for free courses, Alison, established in 2007, has at this stage established a global presence with more than 500,000 graduates of courses provided on the platform. There is no charge for taking a course through Alison, except where an individual wishes to be tested under supervision, in which case a modest fee (determined by the originator of the course) is applied. The success of the Alison model can be seen, for example, in developing countries, where access to formal education/training opportunities is limited. A new LEarnner Management System has been launched by Alison, to enable tutors/facilitators to work with groups of students and to enable peer-support and communication. See [www.alison.com](http://www.alison.com)

Mike went on to propose the development of a course to be titled 'Be One in a Million', which can address digital inclusion. The challenge is to design a course with cross community appeal that can deal comprehensively with a wide range of everyday digital activities. If the curriculum/outcomes for such a course can be defined with the assistance of INDIE member organisations, then Alison could underwrite its development and implementation. The INDIE steering group will consider this proposal at its next meeting and C.Henry will brief DCENR.

## **Group Discussion - facilitated by Jake Byrne**

Jake Byrne, Creative Technology Curator, dlr Lexicon, invited members to divide into groups and to consider the role of a 21C library such as the Lexicon in meeting the diverse needs of its community. Members were also asked to consider the barriers that still remain to engaging those most difficult to reach and how such barriers might be overcome.

## **Update from DCENR**

Caroline Henry (AP, DCENR, Cavan) updated members on the current status of the Benefit4 programme, noting the challenge of matching drawdown of 2015 funding to the operational plans of grantees and their ability to meet target numbers of participants in the timeframe available. It is anticipated that a further funding tranche for Benefit4 will be confirmed in Budget 2015.

## **Presentation: Mark Magennis**

Mark Magennis (NCBI) gave an overview of the DigiPlace4All project (funded under the Erasmus+ programme). The partners in this project, led by NCBI, have developed a platform that enables peer support for digital skills and inclusion and provides a range of relevant online resources. The platform web address is: [www.digiplace4all.eu](http://www.digiplace4all.eu). Mark's presentation can be seen [here](#):

## **Presentation: Edel Hesnan**

Edel Hesnan (FIT) gave an update on the new apprenticeship approach to careers in IT. The 'Associate Professional' programme provides opportunities for work and college-based learning leading to a qualification at NQF Level 6 in either 'Systems and Networks' or 'Software Development'. Solas centres throughout Ireland will be involved in delivering the programme, in partnership with ICT sector employers. Students are recruited to the programme on a rolling basis. See: <http://fit.ie/fitnew/wp-content/uploads/2014/10/9132-FITLeafletCand-A5-final2-2.pdf>  
presentation can be seen [here](#):

## **Presentation: Pat Coffey**

The planned presentation by Pat Coffey from the Social Inclusion office of DLRCC was deferred.

## **INDIE Organising Committee**

The committee currently comprises: Mary Cleary (ICS), Pauline Power (Age Action), Helen Mahon (FIT), Inez Bailey (NALA), Conor McCaffery (Maynooth University) and Jim Devine. The committee meets at intervals of approximately six weeks and, as required, when specific matters need attention.

The current committee has been in place for two years and is due for reconstitution.

All INDIE members (including those on the email circulation list) will receive in the coming weeks an invitation to nominate members for the incoming organising committee.

**Closing remarks:**

Members expressed their thanks to DLR Lexicon for hosting the event.

## **Agenda**

- 1045 Arrival and coffee: Lexicon cafe
- 1100 Welcome from Lisa Murphy (Senior Librarian dlr Lexicon)
- 1115 Ann Moriarty (Terenure Enterprise Centre)
- 1140 Cormac Shaw (Southside Partnership)
- 1200 Mike Feerick (CEO Alison)
- 1230 Jake Byrne (Creative Technology Curator, dlr Lexicon)
- 1300 Finola Rossi, Caroline Henry (DCENR National Digital Strategy)
- 1315 Light Lunch
- 1345 Mark Magennis (National Council for the Blind in Ireland)
- 1405 Edel Hesnan (FIT ICTAP programme)
- 1425 Pat Coffey (Social Inclusion, DLR)
- 1445 INDIE update - call for new Organising Committee members
- 1500 Conclusion

## **Attendance**

| <b>First Name</b> | <b>Last Name</b> | <b>Organisation</b>  |
|-------------------|------------------|--|
| Yvonne            | Brown            | ICTU   |
| Jake              | Byrne            | MetaTech   |
| Jordan            | Byrne            | Enable Ireland   |
| Mary              | Cleary           | ICS  |
| Alison            | Corr             | Blanchardstown Traveller Development Group   |
| Jim               | Devine           | DEVINE   |
| Shauna            | Doherty          | Louth and Meath Education and Training Board                                       |
| Mike              | Feerick          | ALISON   |
| Patricia          | Gellon           | Warrenmount CED Centre   |
| Mary              | Heffernan        | Blanchardstown Traveller Development Group   |
| Caroline          | Henry            | DCENR  |
| Eamon             | Henry            | Active IT Society Committee Member, Email contact for INDIE/ AONTAS correspondence |
| Edel              | Hesnan           | FIT  |
| Geraldine         | Howe             | Enable Ireland   |
| Laura             | Howe             | Freelance ICT tutor  |
| Mark              | Magennis         | NCBI   |
| Helen             | Mahon            | FIT  |
| Tommy             | McLoughlin       | NALA   |

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|---------|-------------------|----------------------------|
| Bernie  | Meagher           | IADT                       |
| Andrew  | More<br>O'Ferrall | Tech Connect Local         |
| Ann     | Moriarty          | Terenure Enterprise Centre |
| Gary    | Morris            | Enable Ireland             |
| Ray     | Nangle            | Age Action                 |
| Pauline | Power             | Age Action                 |
| Ian     | Roller            | DIT                        |
| Sylvia  | Ryan              | ICTU                       |
| Cormac  | Shaw              | Southside Partnership      |
| Ciara   | Stack             | ICS                        |
| Aine    | Whelan            | Waterford and Wexford ETB  |

**Apologies:**

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| Linda    | O'Sullivan |
| Conor    | McCaffery  |
| Heidi    | Bedell     |
| Caroline | Carswell   |
| Trudy    | Corrigan   |
| Nicola   | Coss       |
| Peter    | Kavanagh   |
| Darren   | Bayliss    |
| Avril    | Bailey     |
| Fintan   | Mulligan   |