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Making the mandate meaningful

Report on the national meeting of Local Community Safety Partnership
Chairs, Vice Chairs, Coordinators and Administrators

Shamrock Lodge Hotel, Athlone
27 May 2026

Making the mandate meaningful – How can **we** make this happen?



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Running order



Time	Description
9:30	Registration/ Arrival of Guests
10:00	➤ Welcome & Introductions ➤ Presentation and Q&A with Data & Analytics team
11:30	Coffee Break
11:45	Open Space Discussions: "Making the mandate meaningful: How do we make this happen?" ➤ Introduction ➤ Breakout sessions
12:45	Lunch Break
13:15	Open Space Discussions continue ➤ Breakout sessions ➤ Reflection and Actions
14:25	Updates from Director of National Office and Q&A Closing reflections

Workshop summary



Meeting purpose

The National meeting of Local Community Safety Partnership Chairpersons, Vice Chairpersons, Coordinators and Administrators took place in the Shamrock Lodge Hotel, Athlone on 27th May 2026. The aims of the meeting were to:

- Provide support and information to participants in their roles at Local Community Safety Partnerships (Safety Partnerships)
- Facilitate awareness and learning for participants through information peer learning sessions.
- Provide a networking opportunity so that Safety Partnership leaders get to know each other better and learn from each other.
- Provide insight into participative community engagement methodologies (Open Space) through experiential delivery

Meeting format

The meeting began with a greeting and introductory session followed by a presentation and Q&A from the Data and Analytics unit of the Department of Justice.

This was followed by an Open Space workshop. The Open Space facilitation method is a tried-and-tested group process facilitation methodology with the fundamental thesis that *the wisdom is in the crowd*.

Open Space Meetings or events, centre on an overarching issue, theme or question for which the answer is not yet known. A diverse group of individuals are invited to bring different perspectives on this theme and agree on action to be taken.

Finally, an update was given by the Director of the National Office for Community Safety and space was provided for Questions and Answers

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Meeting theme

The theme for this meeting was “Making the mandate meaningful: How do we make this happen?”

The theme reflects that there is both a mandate for safety partnerships to strive for inclusive, community-led processes to enhance safety and wellbeing in the community and a passion within communities to address current safety issues and ensure lasting change.

The theme called for ensuring the LCSPs are not just led by a mandate but leverage this mandate for meaningful and lasting change.

The topic was set in advance and the priorities and topics discussed during the event were proposed and decided by the participants.

Getting started

The morning was opened with a welcome to all attendees from Gráinne Berrill, Director of the National Office for Community Safety, who positioned the day within a schedule of supports provided to date to Safety Partnership teams.

This was followed by a facilitated exercise that encouraged participants to meet new people, introduce themselves and answer a set of check-in questions that explored where they came from and what they hoped for

The participants engaged energetically in this process and the liveliness of the discussion set the scene for the day.

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Data & Analytics

An informative and detailed presentation was given by the Data & Analytics unit to help the partnerships understanding how they can find, analyse and use data related to community safety in their areas. There were many questions from the audience and much appreciation for the depth of knowledge shared.

Topic setting – Breakout sessions

Participants were highly energised and very quick to propose topics for discussion. They moved well around the room to the breakout sessions, had lively discussions and took clear notes.. There was a high level of energy in the room as they contributed to and learned about various issues.

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Topic setting

Participants proposed 25 topics for discussion all related to community safety, the Local Community Safety Partnerships and community safety planning.

Key themes emerging across these topics were:

- **Ownership, engagement, co-creation, inclusion and integration**, the latter particularly concerning new, disadvantaged and minority communities and the need to tackle racism
- **Safety topics:** Pro-social behaviour; tackling drug intimidation; protecting the vulnerable and addressing online threats and information; addressing the root causes of deprivation; the built environment; road safety; and garda visibility.
- **Youth** consultation and supporting youth services and community organisations
- **Operating the partnerships:** Safety Partnerships learning from each other; links to local safety for a; developing community safety plans; holding statutory agencies & government departments to account; including the media; and getting quick results.

Action setting

Each participant was asked to scan a QR code and fill a form online to indicate actions they wish to take following the meeting based on the discussion during the breakout sessions. The actions will be shared by the national office so that participants can join together to take action

Update from the National Office

When the Open Space session had closed, Gráinne responded to issues arising during the day and provided some updates from the national office.

Of particular interest to attendees was the budget allocation to Safety Partnerships and how it functions.

Many appreciated the opportunity to network, share ideas and learn from each other. They appreciated meeting other partnerships and the opportunity to get to know each other better within partnerships. They appreciated the facilitation style, the support of the national office and the overall chance to connect and discuss.



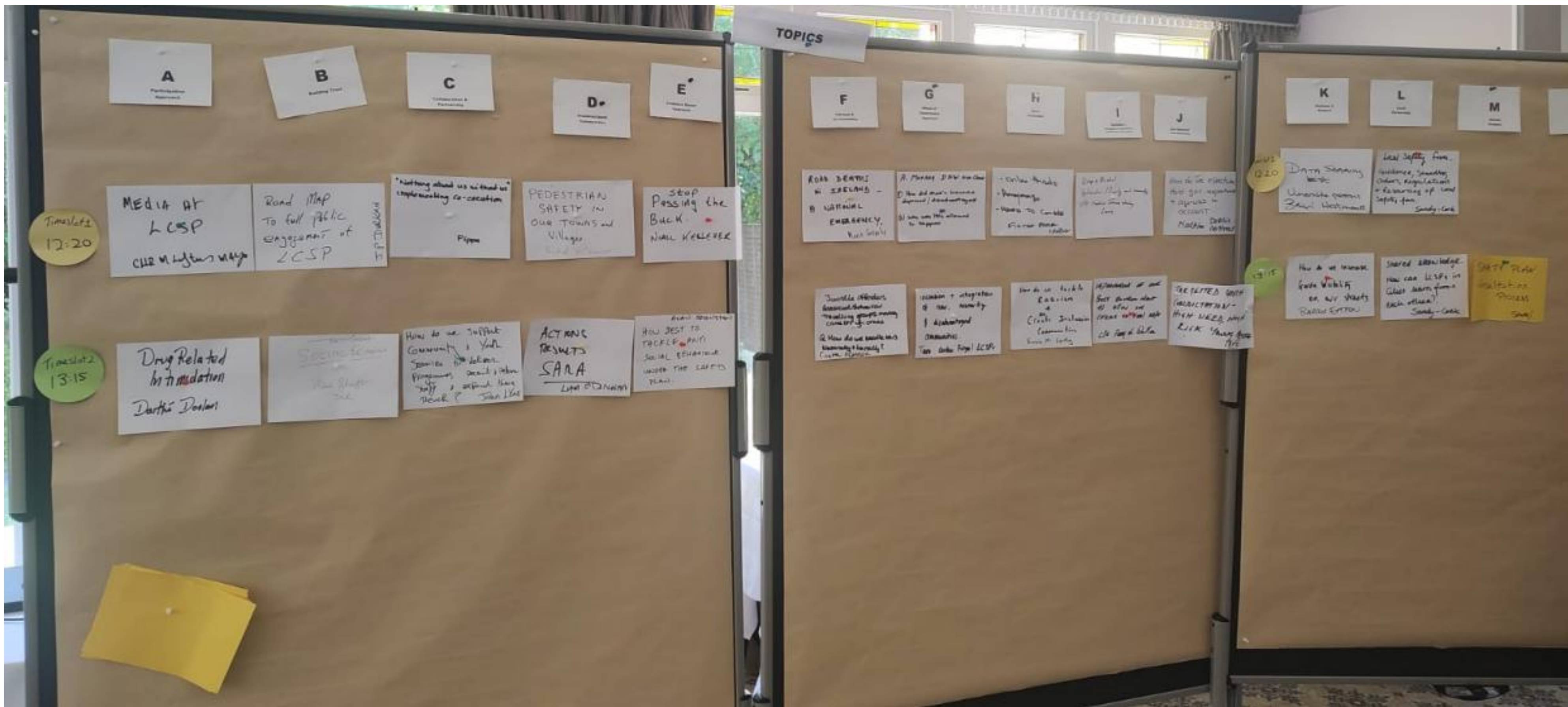
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Breakout sessions

Topics



Session 1: Media and LCSPs

Session 2: Stop passing the buck!

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How do we make this happen?** ①

TOPIC: Media & LCSPs

Summary of Conversation: *if sensitive information share advises media not to report*

Monaghan - media in since 2nd meeting
- live radio conversation after meeting
Meath; don't have media; do press release + in CEO Report
Galway City - don't have Daily privilege; letter sent to NI
Westmeath - not just about crime; there meetings about community;
at early stage having reporters in room reduces openness; push hard to ~~open~~ ^{not to have} - about making safer + nice place to live from cradle to grave
Mayo - CC bringing motion to open meetings to media.
Longford - have media; control flow of information; have Facebook page + do video to control media. Done with sub-groups
Leitrim; same councillors as ETB but no media @ them

Key Insights/ Potential Actions:

Review media access every 6 months
Chair have social media present - uploading summary of CCSP meetings
Communication - explain to media - media releases.
make sure media updates

Host - First and last name Chair Michael Lofus; Chair, Mayo.

Participants - First and last names

Longford	DCU	Leitrim
Meath	Mayo	Monaghan
Dunel	Galway City	Westmeath

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TOPIC: Stop passing the buck

Summary of Conversation:

Multi organisations. With Responsibility. Whether minor or major have a responsibility to Act.
By-laws being ~~enacted~~ or enforced by Gardai as well as - LA Horses.
Mental health / Addict ^{Registered} Community CCSP - live feed
scanners
feed

Key Insights/ Potential Actions:

Statutory Duty to Act = working together
Multi Agency needs to act

Host - First and last name NIALl McLELLER

Participants - First and last names

Aaron Murphy
Garrett McDermott
Eamon O'Hanlon
Suzie McCafferty

Session 3: How to create a roadmap for full facilitation & engagement of the LCSP

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How do we make this happen? *report into public meeting 1 chance!!*

universal/targeted approach to consultation.

TOPIC: HOW DO WE CREATE A ROADMAP FOR FULL PARTICIPATION & ENGAGEMENT OF THE LCSP

Summary of Conversation:

- An awareness piece - promotion from NICS of local CSP.
- Consider dropping 'Local' from LCSP - name too long.
- Minister needs to talk more about LCSP and what they are.
- engaging with the unconverted!
- Role of social media in promotion and generating traction
- media - radio, papers - (a budget behind it)
- getting of partnerships
- PR's - engage as a collective
- volunteers - coal face.

Be cautious and careful of press and media

harness/influence media

Comm Plan

Stakeholder analysis

meet people where they are at

Consultation Plan

1:1

local champions to do focus groups

Roma

Community inform plan

Geographic and needs based

Give yourself time

equip team/members

Key Insights/ Potential Actions:

- media at/not at meetings
- leverage Comm's teams in-house to get word and message out.

Stakeholder engagement analysis. map and map after.

Comm plan in tandem.

to continuous engagement

Host - First and last name

JP Dragan

Participants - First and last names

Dermot Lacey

Janine Buckley

Sinead Fitzsimons

Deirdre Doolan

Trish O'Garra

Aislinn Eglinton

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Session 4: Pedestrian safety



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Pádraig Fitzsimons

TOPIC:

Summary of Conversation:

PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

National strategy through the Partnership

Rural slow down Hivis at night time

DIFFERENT uniform approach. Active travel.

ELDERLY PEOPLE crossing points

BASIC infrastructure Junctions Partipth special sessions

RAISED CROSSINGS

Culture cars first CYCLING TO school?

NO RAISED TABLE

PEDESTRIAN CROSSING SHOULD BE RAISED.

Uniformed crossing points one rule

Safety wider area of towns

VERY little money for Active travel/SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL

PROMOTE Hivis via LCSP.

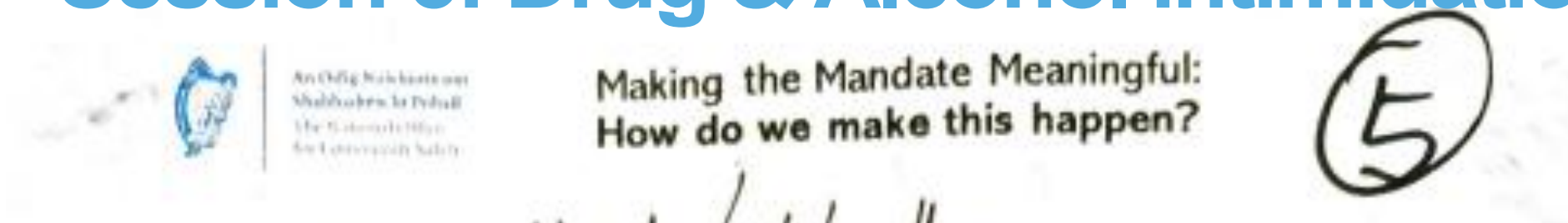
GOOD LIGHTING SLOW DOWN TRAFFIC VISUAL

Key Insights/ Potential Actions:

MEDIA CAMPAIGN ON SAFETY

Session 5: Drug & Alcohol intimidation

Session 5: Comment



TOPIC: Drug & Alcohol / Intimidation.

Summary of Conversation: Drugs have increased particularly in Rural Areas, Sussex, Families asked for money. Families, Presentation from Task Force, Merchant Key. Across the Community not just disadvantaged Areas. Rural and urban Problem. Families intimidated by drug gangs, Breach in the house violating themselves, Family have been home. Social Media Cocaine / Drinking driving. Detox Beds Lack of them. 2 prisons Penthouse / wheat field. Drones / Drugs. Grandparents raising children. Sexual Exploitation. poverty.

Key Insights / Potential Actions: getting Merchant Key / Drugs Task Force / Ty students / Anti social behaviour campaign. 12 year old students Junior Cycle / Safety Forum come into Council Chamber, Cyber security / Road safety. Presentation by Council Chamber. Speaking with local GAA. Drug Awareness. Access in continuing to garda. Operating / community officers. Clinics. Host - First and last name (Caroline Dune Stanley) Rep up garda station. Heed program. Participants - First and last names: Angela, Leta, Donna, John, Mick, Noreen, Alison, Marie, Goldie, + Caroline.

Funding for preventative measures for deprived areas - door cameras, alarms, doors without letter boxes etc

Session 6: Online threats/misinformation

TOPIC: ONLINE THREATS/MISINFORMATION.

Summary of Conversation:

- MISINFORMATION → Housing Allocations.
- Anti-Social
- GOES VIRAL
- FLAGGING INCORRECT INFORMATION. - SOCIAL MEDIA COMPANIES ROLE.
- SKILL SET - ONLINE. - Agency
- SENSE OF DISTANCE IN OFFICIAL CHANNELS.
- to move on Facebook - DISABLED COMMENT
- Bullying in Schools - Long term impact
- to make a mistake

Key Insights/ Potential Actions:

- SOCIAL MEDIA COMPANIES - Need better control
- LSP - TRUSTED INFORMATION. HIGHLIGHT THEM.
- SPREADING MESSAGE.
- EDUCATIONAL PIECES IN SCHOOL.
- EDUCATIONAL FIELD FOR PARENTS.
- PIANOT YOUTH
- CONTENT/SOCIAL MEDIA/MANIPULATED DISINFORMATION - KNOWLEDGE
- you put it on Aljazeera.

Host - First and last name
FINTAN FUSLAW-CARLOW

Participants - First and last names
Therese McHale, Fionn McDonnell, Sonja Kenir, hannah Hoker, Trish Connolly, Casey Connolly, Suzanne Duffy

Session 7: Data sharing – vulnerable persons

TOPIC: DATA SHARING - Vulnerable person
So that ALL people are recorded & data shared with agencies that can support.

Summary of Conversation:

- Centralised data base
- Voluntary signed up to - knowledge that the data can be shared with agencies
- What is a "vulnerable person" - can someone name them as vulnerable - ?? Person has to accept it.
- What phrase to use instead of "Vulnerable Person"
- GDPR - Stopping this
 - GDPR been not use
 - Medical information shared with doctors
 - Investigation of Crime & Welfare

Key Insights/ Potential Actions:

- Preservation of life trumps everything
- Many existing list - Not efficient use of resources
- People must self-propose to added to list.
- List be hosted by Agency ??
- Data be checked + updated Every 6 months to ensure that data is up to date in emergency situation
- Need National Guidance on this proposal for Dept.
- What is a vulnerable person - ?? what is that
- Services that person sign up to must be specified.

Host - First and last name
Bridget Grogan

Participants - First and last names

- Leah McCabe
- Sean Aylward
- Miaha Duffy

What is Vulnerable?
is it the right word?
- Can people self-identify

Session 8: Local safety fora



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TOPIC:

L-slot 1
Local Safety Fora ← Guidance
Regulation
Resources

Summary of Conversation:

- Carlow - garda run, no connection at all, no cohesion, would like for them to feed into LCSP, this would avoid.
- Roscommon - absolutely no knowledge, they have neighbourhood watches.
- Galway City - Superintendents tried to hand over all coordination to LCSP,
- do they feed into LCSP? How do they feed into LCSPs? membership?
- The Superintendents don't run the local safety fora.

Key Insights/ Potential Actions:

- * Resources are needed to coordinate them.
- * LCSPs do not have the capacity to coordinate.
- * We need guidance, governance, standing orders, + capacity building for chairs.

Host - First and last name Sandy McGiverty.

Participants - First and last names

Kelly Slattery.

Frances Coughlan
Jana n. Chinn

Tony Finney

Chelsea McConn

Maei Nicholson

Jo Mullins

Mark Mahon

Charis Rogers

LAURA KELLY

Session 9: How to hold government agencies and Departments to account

TOPIC:

How to hold Government agencies & Departments to account.

Summary of Conversation:

- The strategy needs to outline clearly the role & deliverables of the agencies. They have to be SMART actions.
- Funding - at agency level. has to define ownership for the partnerships. On element
- Cost neutral actions. All agencies.
- o It is a measurable action.

- Mandated to cooperate by law.
- Reporting to NICS / Minister + The TOR. The legal part of the LCSP

Key Insights/ Potential Actions:

- Can be used to make them accountable.
- more media coverage by the minister top down here.
- make sure agencies understand why they are there @ partnership.

Host - First and last name

Machia Whyte Dublin Central.

Participants - First and last names

Tony Healy

Brian Mc Donnell.

Liam O'Donovan.

Pat Fitzpatrick

Naime Witer.

Morina Wite

Targeted Training
& engagement sessions
for Tusla & HSE so
they understand their role in
LCSPs

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TOPIC: How did areas become deprived/disadvantaged

Summary of Conversation:

Poor Planning, Little social infrastructure
No facilities, no post office, no pub's
Rapid development of high rise, not proper
Planning,

- No mix of Social, Affordable, and private housing
not ghettoised
- Any planning going forward need to have retail, play space,
crèches,
- Habits have changed as spaces not there, driving at home
as opposed to bus, shopping online,

Key Insights/ Potential Actions:

- People living in city centres,
- Hate the word Deprived, Disadvantaged
- It's not where you live it's how you
live? Local ownership of Social
Infrastructure.
- Soft + Hard Infrastructure.

Social Community Infrastructure Policy Intervention

Host - First and last name

Angela Mooney - Dublin North West

Participants - First and last names

Adam McCarthy - Cork City

Melanie Griffin - Offaly

Donagh O'Murphy - Kerry

Adrian O'Murphy - Cork

Edie Fitzgerald - Offaly

Oney Bradford - Leeds

Cora O'Connell - Cork City

Impact Deprivation and

Affluence (How we measure

Success?)

James O'Connell - Cork City

James O'Connell - Cork City

Session 10: How did areas become deprived/disadvantaged?

Deprived Areas

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- One of planning refusal driving people
to towns etc.
- Volunteering and people.
- Housing Maintenance - Local Authority
Funding divulged
from Government
- More powers divulged to local CLUs
to approve budgets.

Session 11: Road death in Ireland – A national emergency



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TOPIC: Road deaths in Ireland – A national emergency.

Summary of Conversation:

Speed limits need to be reduced –
If this was a virus or toxic drugs or
a chemical leak killing people every
weekend there would be a whole of
government approach, funding, task force
committed to solving the issue. All
agencies working in silos – eg RSA not
sharing data with LAs.

Key Insights/ Potential Actions:

Technology, speed detection, fines*
enforcement, education, active travel,
education, driver behaviour, judges.

Invest in all the above – saving money
✓ Road deaths + serious injuries
Education & Refresher course.

Host - First and last name MARIE CASSELLY

Participants - First and last names

Maria O'Hara
Marie MOTHER
Harwood Clarkin
Deirdre Healy
Counney Carson.
Helen McElroy
Lee Dillon



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TOPIC:

Summary of Conversation:

Need for multi-agency approach + investment
in safe road design + infra
Stop victim blaming + most vulnerable
road users – treat the cause X
Roads policy + enforcement X

Key Insights/ Potential Actions:

- Joint LCSP letter to Seán Canney, Dara Ó'Leir
Jim O'Callaghan, Tavisack + Tavisack – pls
enforce national legislation – nationally – 50
30-50 km/h urban speed limits
- Annual 'Mind Your Road Manner' online test for all
drivers when renewing motor tax

Host - First and last name

Participants - First and last names

Session 12: "Nothing about us without us" Implementing co-creation

12A

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SCANNING
ANALYSIS
RESPONSE
ASSESSMENT

Quick Wins Santa

TOPIC:

"Nothing About Us without Us": Implementing co-creation
Summary of Conversation:

- * Avoiding tokenism - it's not enough to tick a box
Ref: NDA Participation matters. (examples of tokenism)
- * The Community ^{in LCSP} Matters - we want proper consultation
- * Allowing people's voices to be heard
- * Interactions with different communities
- * including disabled people (CRPD mandate general comment No 7)
- * Marginalized groups
Speak with not at these groups
- * Lived experience from Citizen Assembly on Drug Use - not implemented.

Key Insights/ Potential Actions: * people expect us to deliver big change

What does "proper consultation" look like? P.T.O
- more than "one and done"

"Who is us"? What lived experience must we include

- ideally through local DPO
- disabled people
 - Travellers
 - Youth
 - minority & new communities
 - LGBT+
 - "disadvantaged" communities

Consultations that 'target' particular affected groups

Host - First and last name Pippa Black

Participants - First and last names

Tara Conlon John Lyons Maria O'Shea
Rachel McMahon
Angela Feeney Cam TEFHAN

Time pressure is the enemy of co-creation

Is the survey accessible
- to youth
- to disabled people?

12B

How - use representative organisations
7 of the groups most affected by community safety

More than one & done

Early engagement - good consultation takes time

consult early and consult often.

How do we reach people who experience deprivation?

What methods of consultation have partnerships already used?

How to get the right people in the room

- lean into the diversity of the Partnership
Recruit if diversity is lacking

- notice who is missing
- what are the barriers?

Session 13: How do we tackle racism and create inclusive communities



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TOPIC: How do we tackle Racism +
Create inclusive Communities.

Summary of Conversation:

- Hope and Change Collective
↳ Building Community Resilience Against Racism
- Reclaim the flag Campaign
- Real concern is relation to Rise of Far Right
- Pro L.B. link to incitement to hatred
- Cultural days
- Get to know your community days
- Education on language + use of language

Key Insights/ Potential Actions:

- As Above
- Social Media huge influence.

Host - First and last name

Participants - First and last names

Rachel McMahon -
Cathy Conway
Daire Leahy
Lorraine Warren
Oran O'Riordan
Pippa Black

Session 14: Youth consultation – High Risk: High Value

TOPIC: Youth Consultation High Risk High Value

Summary of Conversation:

How to engage with High Risk young people.
Congregating in large groups. use of Scooters.
They don't engage. Waterford had an initiative around use of Scooters. Youth who were caught by Gardai were given the choice to attend a "Kick start" course pointing towards positive contribution through education. WFD also have funding for a teenage "Playground". These areas could be a starting point for consultation. Teens need a safe environment to socialise and to feel comfortable. Council need to designate spaces. Will Teens engage online better in person. Going into schools to consult. or using groups like Conhainle na nÓg. We need to meet them where they at.

Key Insights/ Potential Actions:

Youth Courses targeting At-Risk Youth.
Council designated Teen group areas
Meet Teens where they are at - Social media engagement
Make use of specialised youth groups e.g. Conhainle na nÓg
Engage w/ Transition year students

Host - First and last name

Participants - First and last names

GARNETT McDERMOTT. Sean Aylward.
Cllr Fintan Phelan
ADAM MCCARTHY
Angela Feevey
Aife Connolly.

Session 17: Integration & inclusion of new, minority & disadvantaged communities

TOPIC: Integration + inclusion of new, minority and disadvantaged communities

Summary of Conversation:

- learning about minority communities and how to best capture concerns and understand the needs.
- what are the specific safety concerns within each community.
- positives of inclusion of different nationalities in Ireland
- Replicating micro level findings at national level
- Racism online
- perceptions of prioritising one group over another
- The language use, narratives, othering
- Social inclusion within schools + children
- Dublin City / South - big topic - marginalisation
- LGBTQ, Travelling community

Key Insights/ Potential Actions:

- ~~perceptions~~
- First Generation Irish, The language use of being 'Irish' and a person of colour - inclusion and how do we best support a diverse Ireland
- Perceptions of Ireland around racism - how newcomers support Ireland + Ireland support newcomers
- Minority in Ireland - Facts vs. Narratives
- Prevalence of social media influence - getting news from TikTok

Host - First and last name Tara Conlon

Participants - First and last names

DEAN O'Meara, COLIN TERNAN, Cllr Marie Cresserly
Sonja Fenerty, Eddie Fitzpatrick

Session 18: Juvenile Offenders/ Antisocial behaviour. Groups moving crime through areas.



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TOPIC: Juvenile Offenders/ Antisocial Behaviour.
Travelling groups moving crime through areas

Summary of Conversation:

3 Generations of people who have never work.

- Antisocial Behaviour

- No queues living in community.

- no consequences for juveniles.

Who queues & new

- Youth Division works well

↳ Community Based Organisation.

↳ Foreign.

→ Through referrals.

↳ Intergenerational

↳ How do we get these juveniles to parents

Key Insights/ Potential Actions:

- Need for Consequences ↳ talk about it

- Incentives to engage in.

- Trauma Informed Practice.

- Talking to them about what is their goals

- One good person. Appeal.

Host - First and last name

Cicra O'Connor - Cork City Council

Participants - First and last names

PS Ryan - Clare. - Riber - Clare.

Fiona McDonnell - Dublin North General.

Andrew Meun - Westmeath

Session 19: Quick results



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TOPIC:

Quick Results
SARA Blue Model

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ASSESSMENT.

Summary of Conversation:

- How do you achieve quick wins.
- Longer term community problems.
- SARA Policy Model
- Community Safety Groups.
- Cause of problem identified
- Correct stakeholders.

Key Insights/ Potential Actions:

⇒ Large Group Youth WINTERING.

⇒ Perception INTIMIDATION

⇒ 6 yrs +
Local Services / Council / Garda / Business Owners.

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Participants - First and last names

⇒ DAF Funding Problem Solved.

Session 20: Social behaviour



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TOPIC:

~~ANTI-SOCIAL~~ SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR
PRO SOCIAL

Summary of Conversation:

- It's natural for teenagers to converse but it can look intimidating but let's turn it around - no where to go.
- Re-Reach Older People also
- What can we provide - eg. as well as sport - And after 8pm - Online fun, quads, cafe etc. - Teenage Parks -
- Don't do it in a one sided way
- They need social places to go, and interact
- Redesign estates - against criminality

Key Insights/ Potential Actions:

LEARN FROM OTHERS LIKE TODAY

1/ Do we have the right people at the table to talk about this - experts!

2/ Criminologist project - look at older people perspective (BARRY HUN) vs youth outreach - challenge it

3/ Limerick Dr. Johnny Connolly - Project-Newcastle West

Host - First and last name

"How to" integrate - fear - Anti-social 3 Sessions incl. Gardai, Foróige

Participants - First and last names

Central Hubs

4/ Gardai - S/Bth class + Secondary

Wicked Problems - 5/ 10 TO 67 OF WORK IS DONE ALREADY - how to lead BUILD CAPACITY - FAMILY CENTRES

Session 21: How to tackle antisocial behaviour under safety plans



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TOPIC: HOW TO TACKLE ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR UNDER SAFETY PLANS

Summary of Conversation:

Not taken seriously enough. Need wins for the LCSPs. Raise profile of the problem. Use organisations already on the ground, e.g. Tidy Towns, youth. Suggestion: invest money so ppl are proud of area. Planting, litterpicks, murals. How to stop, say, graffiti, at night? Partnership can facilitate involvement of L.A., e.g. environment directorate. Those involved in A.S. behavior may be known to Tusla or A.G.S. Leverage their involvement on LCSP to solve. Intimidation is a big problem $\Rightarrow$ FEEL safe.

Key Insights/ Potential Actions:

Work w/ Tidy Towns, local groups, Get kids involved $\Rightarrow$ sense of pride. Different approaches to different areas and their issues. Visual impact of projects... might think twice before wrecking something like a planted area. Co-opt people onto the working groups from outside partnership members.

Host - First and last name

Participants - First and last names

Niamh Viles, Tasha O'Leary, Pat Torrell, Doreen Lacey, Maureen McManus, Michael Doran, Aaron Murphy, Tasha Connors, Mary Farrell.

Session 22: Improvement to our built environment can allow our citizens to feel safe



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TOPIC: IMPROVEMENT TO OUR BUILT ENVIRONMENT CAN ALLOW OUR CITIZENS TO FEEL SAFE

Summary of Conversation: New designs to combat antisocial behaviour while we are paying for the "sins of the fathers" trying to deal with planning mistakes. (street lighting) / footpaths

- Crime prevention through environment. (gable end windows).
- Garda presence.
- Recognition of citizen hubs
- Natural surveillance
- Tenant participation Forum / Housing officer and direct link to new improvements.
- improvement in parks, public spaces,
- CCTV / criminality of architecture.
- Parent Forum with Garda + council

Key Insights/ Potential Actions:

New builds + planning in conjunction with crime prevention officer. More communication with council re: ASB.

Criminal part of development process

Tenant participation with Housing / environment Dept of Council. Community CCTV.

Host - First and last name

Chloe Paddy McQuillan.

Participants - First and last names

Chloe Paddy McQuillan, Noreen Byrne, Caroline Stanley, Basia Georgiou, Anthony O'Meara, Susan Williams, Leon Mc Cabe, Marie Byrne, Lee Allen.

Session 23: Drug related intimidation



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Drug Related Intimidation. - Dauth. Dooker. Seamus Boyle gave a handover on DRIVE Programme.

Discussed benefits in the community & also challenges around this information.

Drive works with Gardai & HSE to support & empower the victim & wider community & family.

Drive is a confidential service but more information needs to be circulated on the ground level.

Discussed role of the Gardai in supporting victims & collating data to pursue perpetrators of drug related intimidation.

Angela Moorey - Vice Chair Dublin NW.

Discussed positive impact having a working relationship with the Gardai can have.

Each member took information gained today & will bring back to their membership.

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Session 24: Safety plan



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TOPIC: Safety Plan

Summary of Conversation:

- Guidance received too late -
- University students to analyse data
- Funding / for printing costs
- Deadline - End of 2026?
- Need national plan to align this to -
- Use 3 pilot plans as template
- Be clear who your stakeholders are
- What actions can you deliver with no budget

Key Insights/ Potential Actions:

- Budget
- Public meeting in town hall not many turn out. → Focus groups better.

Host - First and last name

SARAH NEEDHAM.

Participants - First and last names

Sligo

Lough

Tipperary

Mayo

Galway

Donegal

Resurrection

Offaly

Session 25: How to support youth services and community organisations to deliver programmes, recruit & retain staff and expand their geographical and service reach?



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TOPIC: How to Support Youth Services and Community organisations to deliver programmes, recruit and retain staff and expand their geographical and service reach.

Summary of Conversation:

"Doing more with less" is not good enough for the sectors involved in Youth & Community work.

"Small c" crisis in recruitment & retention. Country appears to be awash with money but none available for additional funding for Youth services and Community development.

Recognition of Youth & Community work as carried out by highly-trained professionals does not really exist within the policy arena.

Little Wins → This is what Community Development workers achieve every day
- Resilience for Young People / Connection to their Community

Key Insights/ Potential Actions:

Professional recognition required - more respect for the work of Youth & Community workers are highly-trained. Development

Panety of esteem. Showcasing the work of Youth workers
→ how? where? Organisations are highly governed & administered.

All Government Departments are siloed: organisations have to submit several separate document loads.

Host - First and last name Elin John Lyons

Participants - First and last names

Alison Field

Geraldine Lacey

Donna Humphreys

* There should be a Central Resource where all reports cross-government can be uploaded.

Actions

Participants were asked to identify actions that they would take. These actions were collated live on the day through this google form.

They were also invited to share their details, if they wished, to allow other attendees to connect with them on their identified action.

These actions are now gathered in this [Google sheet](#) * which allows participants to connect with one another and provide updates, comments, notes on a particular action.

* If you cannot access the Google sheet please email info@communitysafety.ie and we will send it to you in excel format. You will not, however be able to view or access 'live' elements of the form.





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Action Form

This form is for the submission, recording and sharing of actions identified during the National Local Community Safety Partnership open space event held in Athlone on 27 May 2026

[mnisheanlaoich@gmail.com](#) [Switch accounts](#) 

 Not shared

Action title: Name your action here. Try to keep it clear and concise.

Your answer

Describe the action: what is it that you wish to work on or are trying to achieve.

Your answer

Who can help: List the services, agencies, partners who could contribute to the shaping and delivery of this action

Your answer

Your name:

Your answer

Are you happy for your contact details to be shared with other attendees so they can get in touch after the event in relation to this action?

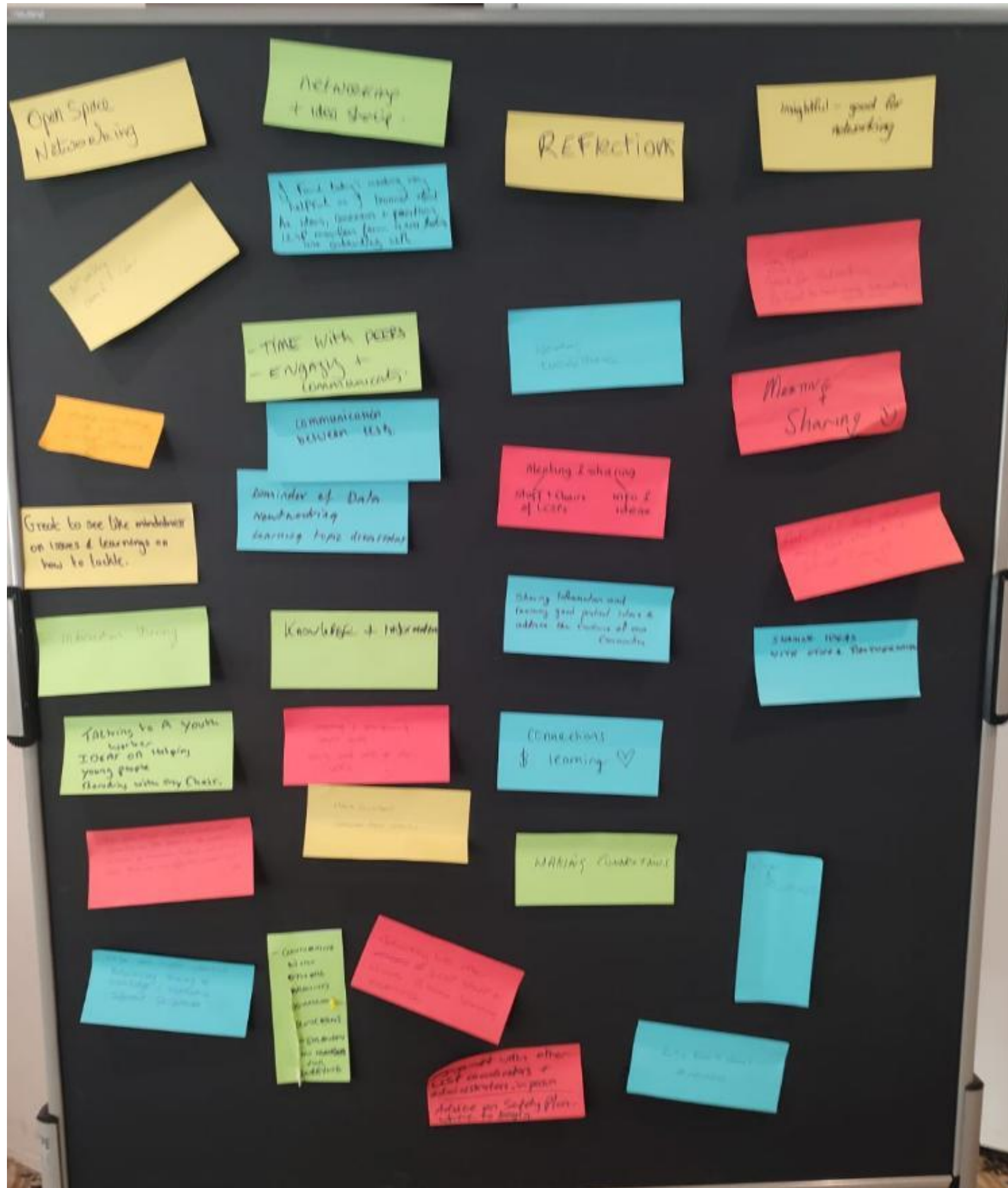
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☐ No

Submit

Clear form

Reflections



[Click here](#) to view reflection entries on a Google sheet.

Hosts & Facilitators



Facilitators' Note

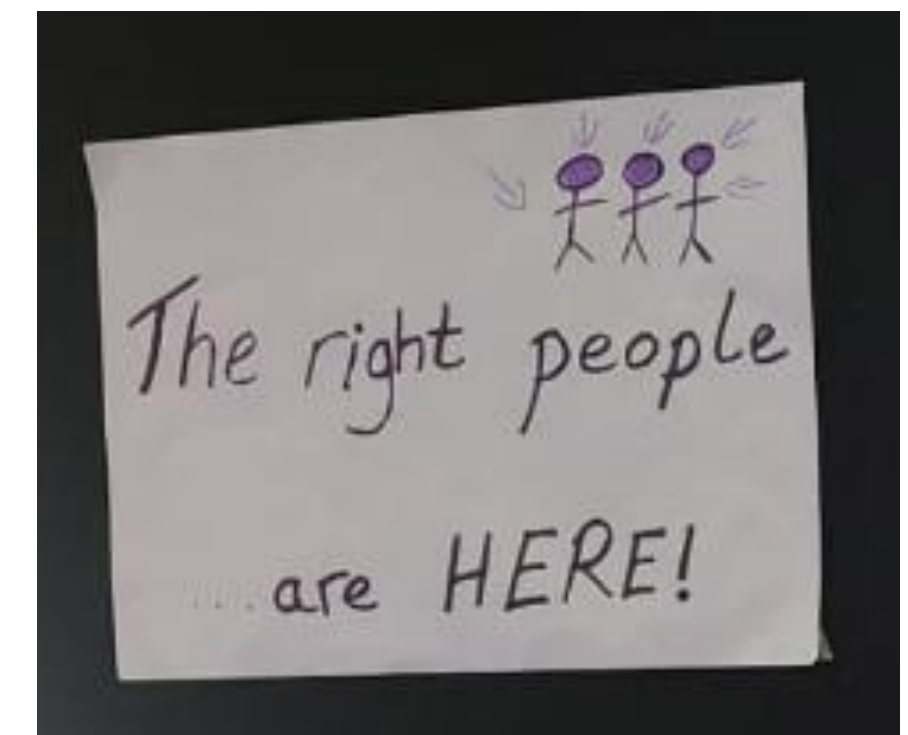


Open Facilitation Ireland is satisfied that the objectives of the meeting were achieved. There was high energy in the room as participants from various partnerships connected, got to know each other, shared ideas and learned from each other. They also gained knowledge on data and analytics available to them and were updated by and felt supported by the National Office.

Working with a group of more than 100 people can be challenging but this group grasped the concepts quickly, were energised, and populated the topics board very quickly. The energy and enthusiasm was inspiring.

The facilitators very much appreciate the level of self-organisation coming from the group, finding solutions if materials were not available, filling out the sessions summaries quickly. It inspires a lot of confidence for community safety in Ireland! We wish every partnership every success in their future efforts.

Getting to know each other

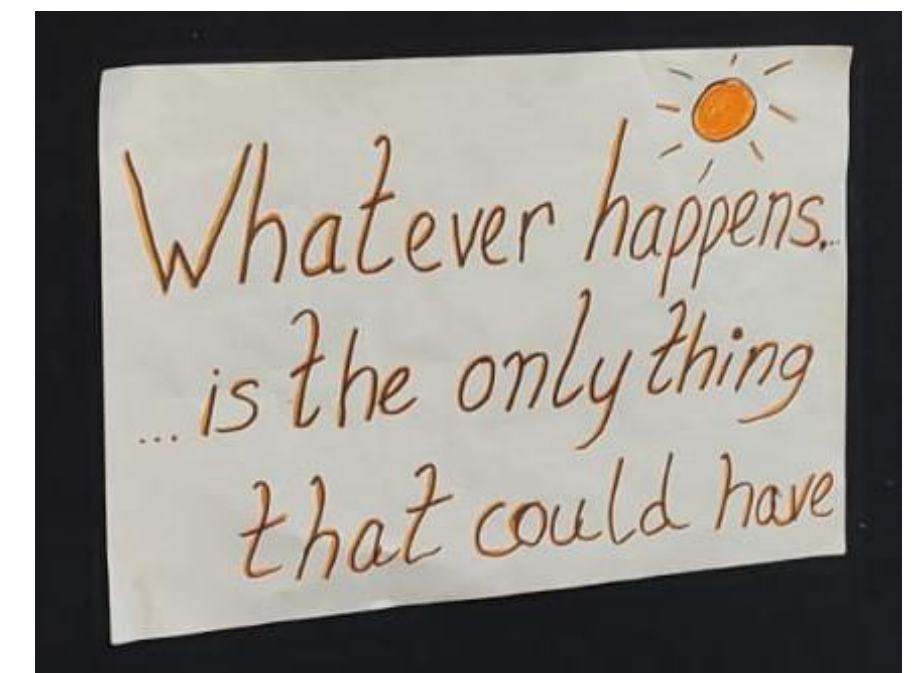


Breakout sessions



Be prepared
to be surprised

Presentations & Q&A



Thank you for participating!